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# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

**CONFIDENTIAL  
DRAWER**

## CROSS-REFERENCE SLIP

42. Mr. Neg. OFFICE  
FILE NO. II. 6813/14/X (17)(c)

**SUBJECT:**

Radio Station  
C. M. H. A.

[illegible]



N. S. D. D. 6813/14/2 (1780)  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

CHINA PRESS

### Another Denial

Mr. L. Riggio, leader of the Italian Fascisti in Shanghai, denies that the local followers of Il Duce have devised ways and means of "liquidating" the writer.

It will be recalled that I remarked in a recent broadcast that I had received a number of threatening letters, purporting to come from Shanghai Fascists.

One of these letters stated that the local Fascist Party had decided, at a recent meeting, to remove me from the local scene. The exact method had not been worked out but when this detail had been taken care of, swift action was promised.

I have received other letters of a similar nature, also signed by persons claiming to be Fascists. And on several occasions my movements at night have been followed by persons riding in motorcars, the ownership of which has been traced to local Fascists.

Naturally, Riggio couldn't do anything else but issue a denial. But the fact remains that it took him about ten days after I had reported the incidents to get his denial written and in printed form. It appeared in the April 2 issue of the Italian Daily News, a four-page bulletin devoted to the publishing of official Italian news agency dispatches.

However, Riggio lets it be known that he doesn't approve of me, says I abuse and slander the totalitarians, which is something, he points out, that the totalitarians never do.

Oh Yeah!

**SECRET**

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S. B. REGISTRY

Section 1, Special Branch, Station,

REPORT

No. S. B. D. 683/40

Date December 23, 1940

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Subject: Interference with Radio Station XMHA, 445 Racecourse Road (American).

Made by: D. S. I. MacAdie

Forwarded by: D. I. Crawford

At 4 p.m. on 16.12.40, it came to the notice of the management of Radio Station, XMHA (American), 445 Racecourse Road, that some unknown person was jamming the station's broadcast by broadcasting a harsh buzzing noise on the same wavelength, i.e. K.C. 600. The management of the station immediately countered this interference by broadcasting from another transmitter on wavelength K.C. 640. The latter wavelength was also interfered with, whereupon X.M.H.A. put a "harmonic" on K.C. 650 on one of its transmitters so that the broadcast from the Station was going out on three wavelengths. The Station also broadcasts on the 25 metre band (short wave) but a few days later jamming commenced on this wavelength. The interference has been continued regularly since 16.12.40 and according to the management of XMHA, is directed to compelling the station to reduce its power output from 350 watts to 200 watts. This, the station management refuse to do, as it would reduce the advertising value of the broadcasts. It appears that in May, 1940, XMHA was in receipt of a letter from Major Asano of the Radio Control Office (Japanese) requesting a reduction of the power output but his request was refused. Other local stations were similarly requested and the majority of them

Comm. of Police  
Sir:

Informing

A.C. (S. B.)

**CONFIDENTIAL**

*File P.T.  
I don't want to send  
report to U.S. C.G. as  
get changed into a  
dispute unless we  
have to do so*



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complied. Station R.F.Z however did not fall into line and has in consequence been interfered with for nearly a month. The French Police, using a direction finding instrument traced the interference to two points (1) the Astor House or immediate vicinity and (2) 110 North Soochow Road (corner of Chapoo and North Soochow Roads). Since interference with X.M.H.A. commenced, interference with R.F.Z. has been less intense but is still continued.

From 4 p.m. onwards, 19.12.40, members of C.C.R. staff and Special Branch took bearings from the following points in the French Concession and Settlement, using a direction finding instrument and magnetic compass and found that the interference appeared to emanate from the same two points above.

From 8 a.m. onwards on December 21, C.C.R. staff and Special Branch, using a field strength meter and receiving set turned into the 600 K.C. interference, made a tour of the area from which the two points of interference are located, and found the maximum strength of the field slightly west of the corner of Chapoo Road, on North Soochow Road, i.e. 110 North Soochow Road, thus confirming beyond all doubt that part of the interference emanates from this point.

Accompanying map and sketch show the bearings and readings taken as described above.

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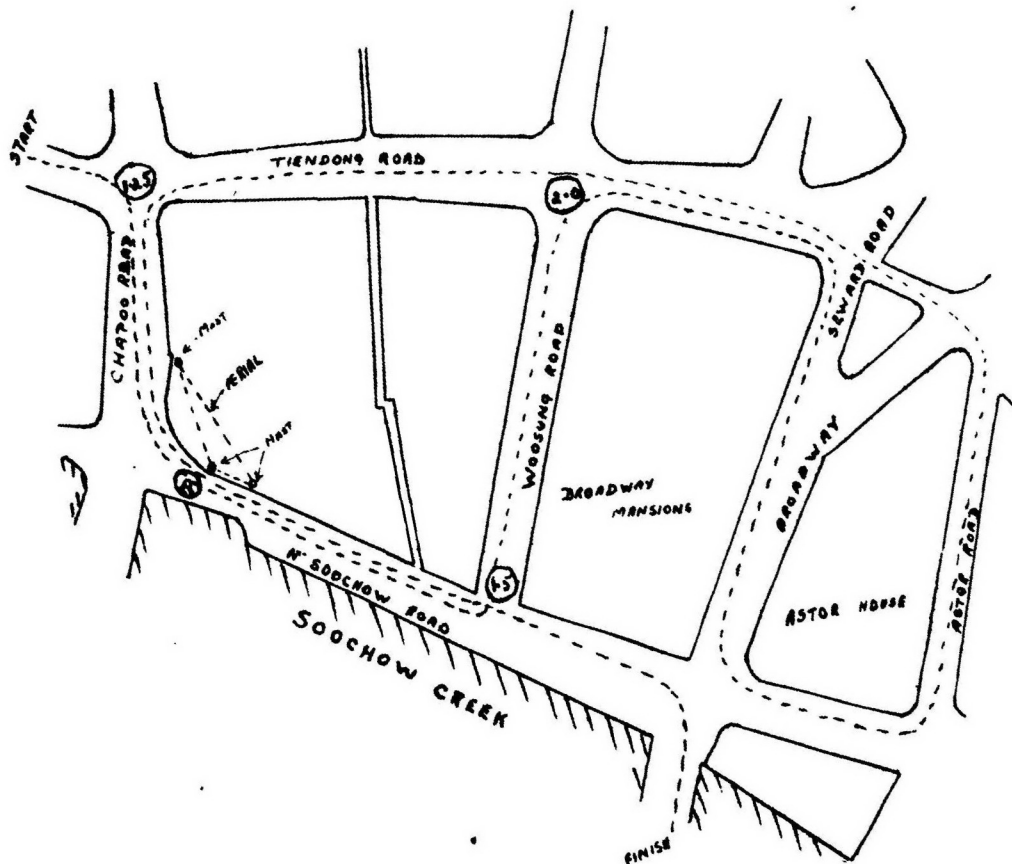
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The broadcasting serials and transmitters at both the Astor House and 110 North Soochow Road are stated to be the property of the Japanese Gendarmerie and are apparently being used alternately or one may be used to cover the 600 K.C. transmission and the other the 640 K.C. transmission and 650 K.C. harmonic.

In a conference held by officials of the Japanese Radio Control Office and Gendarmerie with Mr. Healey, Manager of the Station, in the Cathay Hotel on the evening of December 19th, the Japanese officials admitted responsibility for the interference.

D. S. I.

A.C. (Special Branch)



Field Strength tests, taken between

0815 and 0840 hrs. 21/12/40.

1. Field strength meter readings:-

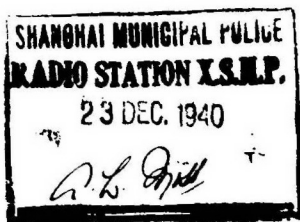
Maximum meter reading = minimum field strength

2. Meter readings were the same for both circuits of the block.

3. Readings taken on 600 K.C. interference only.

4. Maximum field strength on N' Soochow Rd. near Chapoo Road. i.e. in line with the aeriels as shown .

5. A reading of one division on the meter (i.e..2 more than at Soochow and Chapoo Rds.) was obtained under the aerial at 445 Race Course Road on 600 K.C.



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*Radio XMHK Los*

## Radio Jamming Continues Here

### U.S. Waits Japanese Reply To Protest On Interference

Interference with station XMHK's broadcasts continued unabated today with Japanese officials still delaying an answer to the American Consulate's protest against the jamming of news reports by the American station.

A spokesman for the Japanese Consulate said he expected an answer would be given sometime this week and that the matter would be amicably settled. He said, however, that settlement of XMHK's complaint would not necessarily mean a settlement of basic "differences of views."

An official of the station, commenting on recurrent rumors that XMHK intends to retaliate by interfering with Japanese broadcasts, said today, "We haven't retaliated at all." He said that the station's broadcasts were interfered with all day yesterday and this morning although the interference was "not awfully effective" on the short wave lengths.

## Radio Jamming:

### How to Circumvent

To the Editor of the

"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—It is assumed that the operation of the various Broadcasting Stations here in Shanghai is perfectly legal and in accordance with the franchise issued them by the authorities. If they infringe any regulation it is natural to suppose that their licence would either be suspended or a fine imposed.

To resort to "jamming" leaves me with the opinion that the "jammer" is either some person, persons, or organization having a grudge against a particular station and appears to be well-protected in that the "jamming" would continue until such time as it is stopped.

If my memory serves me rightly three local stations have had, and XMHA is now having, this taste of distorted harmony. Why not organize? It is a very simple matter to defeat the "jammers" at their own game. Needless to add, other stations may yet be favoured after XMHA has had its ether purified. Why not then come to an understanding that in the event of one or more stations being jammed, the others rebroadcast the particular part of that programme to which exception has been taken. In the case of XMHA I presume it is our good friend Carroll Alcott, well then, at 8 a.m., 1 p.m. 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. when Mr. Alcott is on the air, one of the stations has a direct line to him and the others rebroadcast it by picking up that station with their receivers. This eliminates the necessity of several lines, which I understand is quite an expensive item. By this method the station that is being jammed is more or less heard all over the dial. Financial arrangements and details governing such rebroadcast is certainly not an insurmountable obstacle.

Regarding the jamming on short-waves or medium waves for distant points of reception, I doubt very much if the present method is effective, such jamming generally is done at the point of reception rather than that of transmission.

C. M. S. C.

Shanghai, Dec. 20.

## A Fund Suggested

To the Editor of the

"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—May another Briton add his endorsement of the excellent letter appearing in your to-day's issue on "Jamming by Japanese."

For me, and many other minor Shanghai citizens, albeit probably none the less intellectual, Carroll Alcott, with all respect to our own officialdom, is our daily Ministry of Information.

Many have come to regard Mr. Alcott as the most popular exponent of Democracy in Shanghai, and, therefore, worthy of all possible support to combat the Axis propaganda and falsehoods belched forth from some local stations. To my knowledge his voice is eagerly looked forward to all over China and elsewhere in the Far East.

I would be only too glad to contribute to any fund either towards minimizing the station's losses or for the purpose of a counter-attack.

D'ARNUX

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

## Alleged Statement Denied

To the Editor of the

"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—There appears in today's issue of the "North China Daily News," a news article headed "Protest Lodged in XMHA Jamming." In the second paragraph of this article appears a statement reported to have been made by me.

At this time I wish to deny having made any such statement and to assure you that when I am ready to make a statement as Managing Director of Radio Station XMHA, I will forward such statement to you over my signature.

E. H. HEALEY,  
Managing Director.

Shanghai, Dec. 21.



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## Radio Jamming Under Scrutiny By Japanese

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### Healey's Blast Referred To

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### Freedom Of Speech Abused

There must be limits to everything including freedom of speech, the spokesman declared. He referred to an editorial carried by one of Shanghai papers not long ago, alleging Shanghai was moving towards "anarchy" under a "Nippon-sponsored new order," and declared that such remarks were beyond the limits of freedom of speech. On the question regarding the details of the problem the spokesman declined to comment.

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## Protest Lodged in XMHA Jamming

### Japanese Spokesman "Not Informed" of Source of Interference

A protest from the U.S. Consulate on the jamming of Station XMHA has been received by the Japanese authorities in Shanghai and is now being studied, said Mr. T. Hayashi, Japanese Embassy spokesman at yesterday's press conference here. In answer to further question, the spokesman said simply that there existed a regrettable disagreement of views between Station XMHA and the broadcasting authorities here.

The statement reported to have been made by Mr. F. L. Healey, managing director of the station was deplored by the spokesman who said that such a statement will not contribute to an early settlement of the dispute. The spokesman said that he believed Mr. Healey had been misquoted. Mr. Healey was reported to have stated "if they're really asking for trouble they ought to realize that the United States has the most powerful equipment in the world. We could blow them off the map."

The spokesman then said that "to refrain from abusing freedom of speech is to establish the basis for peace."

Asked if it were admitted that the Japanese were doing the jamming the spokesman said he was not informed of the source of the jamming.

Asked to explain the cause of friction between the station and the Japanese authorities, the spokesman said that he would like to refrain from describing the nature of the trouble.

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## **Alcott Booms On XMHA Lodges Protest On Radio Jamming**

Barely audible above the vibrant whirr of a high frequency oscillator, the voice of Newscaster Carrol D. Alcott continued to boom from Radio Station XMHA yesterday, while the U.S. Consulate-General continued to consider a written protest lodged by the owners of the radio station.

Despite the persistent jamming, which started two days ago, no abatement was noticed in the tone of Mr. Alcott's pro-democratic tirades. Speaking through a storm of interference yesterday afternoon and evening, he continued to lay the blame for the jamming at the door of the "Japanese Radio Control Board."

Protesting on what he termed an "attempted Japanese effort to limit the power output of most broadcasting stations in Shanghai to 200 watts," Mr. E. L. Healey, American owner of XMHA, lodged a written protest with the U.S. Consulate-General here yesterday morning. The protest was being considered late yesterday afternoon.

The radio interference is believed to be aimed at local anti-Axis broadcasts in general and Carrol Alcott's pungent news commentaries in particular. Also jammed by the alleged Japanese radio beam yesterday were the news and music broadcasts in the German language over the same station. These broadcasts are reportedly directed at the local Jewish refugee population.

The Japanese Radio Control Board, according to some reports, has attempted during the past few months to limit the power output of radio stations in Shanghai to 300 watts. Stations which refused to comply with the "requests" were jammed over the air, these reports state.

# **XMHA Protests Radio Jamming**

## **U.S. Consulate Given Complaint; Alcott Talks Target**

The interference with broadcasting over radio station X.M.H.A. was formally brought to the attention of the U.S. Consular authorities here today, when Mr. E. L. Healey, American owner of the broadcasting station, lodged a written protest on the matter and attempted to force most broadcasting station here to limit their power output to only 200 watts.

An official of the U.S. Consulate late this morning confirmed that a protest had been lodged against the jamming of the radio station's broadcasting, and added that the U.S. Consulate is now "taking up the matter."

### **"Jam" Continues**

This morning the radio station continued to be heavily jammed by static interference, while broadcasting over the station last night, both over the registered wavelength of 600 kilocycles and the temporary wavelength of 640 kilocycles, were both subjected to interference.

The jamming, it is learned, is particularly heavy during news broadcasts delivered by Carrol D. Alcott, during four periods of the day, while during the afternoons the interference is also subjected upon news and musical broadcasts made in the German language which the station sponsors for the benefit of Jewish emigre listeners.

### **Japanese Said Responsible**

Strong belief is held that the "jamming" directed at radio station X.M.H.A., which is fully American-owned, is being conducted by the local Japanese Radio Control Board.

According to one source this morning, the Japanese Board has, during the past few months, attempted to force most broadcasting station here to limit their power output to only 200 watts.

### **Force Majeur "Request"**

Stations which refused to comply with this "request" were "jammed" over the air, until nearly all stations were forced to accept the Japanese "request."

It will be recalled that prior to the Shanghai Municipal Council elections earlier this year, both the station owned by the Post-Mercury Company, radio station X.M.H.C., and radio station X.M.H.A. were jammed during their news broadcasts.

### **Force Majeur "Request"**

Recently the local French-owned radio station FFZ was also subjected to "jamming" because it would not submit to the Japanese request to lower its power output.

The French station, however, is continuing its normal power output and within the past few days the interference with the station's broadcasting has subsided.

# Interference Jams Alcott Broadcast

**Block On American Radio Station XMHA  
Said Traced To Japanese Warship  
In Whangpoo; Consul Informed**

The radio jam which has been intermittently blasting out station XMHA's broadcasts on 600 kilocycles since 4 p.m. yesterday has been traced to a Japanese warship in the Whangpoo, Mr. E. L. Healey, manager of the station, told the Shanghai Evening Post today.

Mr. Healey has notified the American Consulate-General here of the latest interference with the American station's broadcasting program.

Aimed at Mr. Carroll D. Alcott, outspoken radio news commentator who broadcasts three times daily over XMHA, this is the

## Jam Still On

At 1 p.m. today the jam on the Radio Station X.M.H.A., 600 kilocycles, which started yesterday at 4 p.m. was still on and listeners to the Carroll Alcott news broadcast had to turn their dials to 640 kilocycles in order to hear his voice.

second time that the station has been interfered with. It will be recalled that the station suffered a similar occurrence last Spring.

## Japanese Demands

It is believed that the radio blockade was imposed on the station because the American management refused to comply with demands of the Japanese Radio Control Board to cut the power output to 200 watts and submit news for censorship.

Mr. Healey said that he had received a letter from the superintendent of the board, Major Asano, in which these demands were put forth. The letter emanated from the Nanking Road office of the board in the Settlement.

In a broadcast three weeks ago Mr. Alcott intimated that a jam of the station's frequency was forthcoming. During the past three weeks, however, the block was directed against the French

radio station FFZ, from which station it was yesterday transferred to XMHA.

## Lifted Few Minutes

The interference was lifted for a few minutes last night when Mr. Alcott started his 10.15 broadcast. For three or four minutes reception was clear, during which time Mr. Alcott told his listeners of the reason for the jam and who was responsible for it.

Shortly after Mr. Alcott had advised listeners that they could hear him on 630 or 640 kilocycles the jam was again enforced, drowning out the station entirely. Reception on 640 kilocycles, however, was clear.

No interference was evident as Alcott gave his 8 o'clock broadcast this morning, but Mr. Healey said that he expected the jam to be resumed later in the day.

## Station Prepared

The station, Mr. Healey declared was prepared to meet the emergency, however, and would broadcast simultaneously on 600 and 640 kilocycles and 25 meters.

Mr. Frank P. Lockhart, American Consul-General in Shanghai told the Shanghai Evening Post this morning that he had been informed of the interference yesterday and that he was awaiting an official protest on the matter before taking action.

Mr. Healey declared today that he would continue to fight the Control Board, and jam or no jam, would not give in to their demands.

## WE OFTEN WONDERED

BY CARROLL D. ALLEN

### More Jam

After eight months of comparative freedom from interference, the jam is again being spread on the broadcast wave length of Station XMHA. The French station in Shanghai, FFZ, also is receiving considerable interference from outside quarters.

The usual theories have been advanced by listeners concerning the reasons back of the jamming. Many have argued that the Axis is back of the interference. This is definitely not the case.

The local Japanese Radio Control Board has made no effort to hide its responsibility for the jamming. During the past eight or nine months, the majority of radio stations in Shanghai have been notified by the board that it would appreciate submission to its control. The stations have been requested to reduce their power output to 200 watts.

At first, most of the stations refused. They soon found their wave lengths being interfered with. Music broadcasts were drowned out by a harsh buzzing noise. Speech could be heard but the background buzzing made it unpleasant to listen to. Eventually, the stations started succumbing to the desires of the control board. They reduced their power outputs.

Two stations which have not yet submitted to this control are XMHA and FFZ. At least, these are the only two stations being jammed at the present time.

The "jam" was placed on the French station about one month ago after it had been lifted on Station XMHD, of the Shanghai Christian Broadcasting Association. It has been on FFZ ever since.

The "jam" went back on XMHA two days ago and just how long it will continue is a matter of speculation. Officials of the station tell me they plan a protest which should be forthcoming in a day or

two. They also state that they have no intention of submitting to a control that will not permit their broadcasts to be heard very far beyond Shanghai.

### Celebration

Reports from the western district of the International Settlement indicate that the China Club, big-time gambling casino, gave the customers quite a blow-out when it re-opened for business last Saturday night after two weeks of blockade.

More than \$5,000 was spent on free food, customers were given \$5,000 worth of free cigars and cigarettes. The cost for American oranges alone Saturday evening was \$200. Boys had a busy time sweeping up orange peels.

### Complaint

A local Italian big-wig complains in a note to myself that his telephone is kept busy by persons inquiring about the route the British will take to invade the industrial areas of Northern Italy. The thing to do in such a case is either to cut the telephone wires or refuse to pay the phone bill and let the telephone company do the disconnecting.

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Chinese-American Weekly Review dated December 21 :-

FAILURE OF THE CONTROL OF BROADCASTING

As a matter of fact, the world has long ago been well informed of the aggressive acts of Japan in China during the past few years and of her acts in the occupied areas. Despite this, the Japanese are still thinking to hoodwink the world by detailing all news disadvantageous to them with improper procedure, so that such news may not spread throughout the world.

In April this year, ~~IMHA~~ a local American broadcasting station, was interfered with and because of the interference, it changed its wave lengths from 600 to 650, but the disturbing sound could still be heard. Investigations showed that the disturbing sound came from Hongkew for at that time, Mr. Alcott broadcast about the re-election of the members of the S.M.C. and the Japanese, in a desire to make more seats on the Council, resorted to unlawful procedure to interfere with the broadcasts.

In July this year, the Japanese sponsored elements ordered the expulsion of seven well-known foreign newspapermen including Mr. Alcott. In addition, the Japanese rang up the broadcasting station where Mr. Alcott was a broadcaster, warning him to stop broadcasting within three days. However, Mr. Alcott, apart from making a report to the American Consulate-General and the Police, carried on his broadcasting work.

Recently, the Japanese repeated their old trick. ~~IMHA~~ was interfered with again on December 16 and the interfering sound came from a Japanese warship

berthed in the Whangpoo. It is because the Japanese are thinking to control foreign-owned broadcasting stations in Shanghai, to request these stations to reduce their power to under 200 watts and to apply for registration. As the attempt ended in failure, ~~IMHA~~ was the first that was interfered with, ~~FFZ~~ came next and then the American broadcasting station was interfered with again. The owner of the latter named station firmly indicated that he would never surrender.

It is quite clear that the Japanese desire to exercise control of foreign-owned broadcasting stations in Shanghai for these stations are in the habit of broadcasting correct news which are obviously disadvantageous to Japan. The movements of Japan supply news commentators with the best materials. Instead of ceasing their acts of aggression, the Japanese desire to exercise control over broadcasting stations. It will only supply these stations with more materials for news.



December 21, 1940.

Morning Translation

Chinese-American Daily News (comment) :-

"A STERN AND CLEAR STATEMENT"

In connection with the Japanese interference with the broadcasting of the Hwa Mei Radio Station, Mr. F.L. Healey, managing director of the radio station, in the course of a statement yesterday, said "If there's no change in a few days, you'll see some fun. The United States has the most powerful equipment in the world. We are going to give blow for blow so as to safeguard our own interests and rights."

This stern and clear statement conveys a feeling of joy to the listeners.

We understand that during these few years the third party Powers have lost quite a fair amount of their interests and rights in China because of transgression. Heretofore the parties concerned have adopted an attitude of conciliation and have never taken any strong action to safeguard their own interests, with the result that the other party has advanced further and further. It is only recently that we have heard this strong statement of dealing blow for blow. This is the very statement that a third party nation, in her desire to uphold her interests and rights, should have the courage to make, because by means of this determination and resolution not only will her own rights and interests be safeguarded but the aggressiveness of the opponent will thus be checked.

Cheng Yen Pao (brief comment) :-

**"WIRELESS WAR" MAY OCCUR IN SHANGHAI**

Frankly speaking, the so-called new order which Japan has loudly advocated will never be able to break through the old order of the United States for an obvious reason, namely, the economic life of the so-called new order of the Japanese lies within the scope of the old order of the United States and this Japan can never break through.

P. T. O.

Of late a dispute has arisen in Shanghai because of the Japanese interference with the broadcasting of an American radio station, and it is said that the dispute may possibly give rise to a "wireless struggle". We can very well expect that the final outcome of this dispute will likewise be involved in the economic circle mentioned above.

December 19, 1940.

Afternoon Translation.

Cheng Yien Pao 10

### JAPANESE INTERFERENCE WITH BROADCASTING

KMHA, a local American radio station, is being interfered with by the Japanese.

According to information secured yesterday by our reporter, the broadcasts by this station showed an improvement yesterday afternoon because it had introduced certain mechanical means to deal with the interference by extending the wave length to 620 or 640. Thus, the Japanese interference will have no effect. It is learned that the station will change its K.C. from time to time as an act of resistance until the Japanese cease their interference.

On the morning of December 18, KMHA sent a written report to the American Consulate-General on the interference. The station is strongly opposed to Japanese action and says: "Shanghai under the direction of the so-called 'new order' promoted by the Japanese is now in a state of anarchy as witness the interference with broadcasting stations and the disturbed conditions in the Western District."

A few days ago, the Japanese ceased interfering with F.F.Z, a French-owned radio station. As this station had refused to reduce its watts to 200, its broadcasts were interfered with again yesterday. It is learned that the station will make a report to the French Consulate-General with a request that negotiations be opened.

December 17, 1940.

Afternoon Translation.

Cheng Yien Pao :-

"BROADCASTING OF FOREIGN OWNED RADIO STATION CONTINUOUSLY  
INTERFERED WITH BY JAPANESE"

X.M.H.A., the local American-owned radio station, is a supporter of justice. For this reason, it is hated by the Japanese.

In a former issue of this paper, it was reported that several weeks ago the Japanese Radio Broadcasting Control authorities had decided to interfere with the broadcast of this radio station. Yesterday, this interference was started by the Japanese. Another radio station that had been interfered with was X.M.H.D., the Shanghai Christian Radio Station, but later it accepted the demand of the Japanese to reduce its power to 200 watts, with the result that it can now only be heard within only 100 miles of Shanghai. F.F.Z, the French Radio Station, is still being interfered with.

The object of the Japanese in interfering with radio stations is to prevent Japanese people and the people in the fallen areas from listening to outport news. This deliberate interference with the legitimate rights and interests of third nations is being condemned by various foreign circles.

It is learned that X.M.H.A. is preparing various mechanical measures to overcome this interference with its broadcasts by the Japanese.

Chinese-American Daily News (comment) :-

INTERFERENCE WITH AN AMERICAN RADIO STATION

The American radio station whose broadcasts were much disturbed by Japanese in April last is again being interfered with. This was first noticed at 4 p.m. December 16. It is said that the interference comes from a Japanese warship in the Whangpoo.

The Japanese are interfering with this American radio station because it often broadcasts reports and comments unfavourable to the Japanese.

Apart from creating a bad impression upon foreigners, the Japanese can derive no benefit by this interference with broadcasts.

Cheng Yien Pao (comment) :-

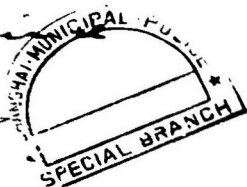
INTERFERENCE WITH BROADCASTING OF FOREIGN STATIONS

According to information secured by this paper, the Japanese are again interfering with broadcasting by foreign radio stations. The broadcasting stations affected are XHMA, a commercial station, XHMD, a Christian station, and FFE, a French station. If it is said that the interference is being caused by the Chungking regime, even the Japanese will have to admit that this is not so.

What is the cause of this interference with foreign broadcasting? We cannot think of any cause. It is up to the foreigners in Shanghai to frame a reply.

*S.*

*Enquiries*  
*Jan 26*



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December 9,

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Commandant L. Fabre:  
Directeur des Services de Police,  
CONCESSION FRANÇAIS.

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Dear Commandant:

With reference to your note of December 7, 1940, in regard to Station X.M.H.A., Race Course Road, and an anti-Vichy Government broadcast, I agree with you entirely that a broadcast of this nature is absolutely unnecessary in Shanghai and can serve no useful purpose. I have approached the Broadcasting Station, and have also asked our Consul General to do anything he can to assist. I have also referred the matter to Mr. Phillips, the Secretary & Commissioner General, and asked him to throw his weight into the balance.

Possibly we will get no satisfactory result, but at least I can assure you that I will do everything possible to stop or moderate this activity.

Yours sincerely:



Sd: K. M. Bourne.

Commissioner of Police.

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**SECRET**

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special  
**REPORT**

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

File No. B. REGISTR.

No. S. B. D. 5713/4/62-9

Date December 8, 1940

Subject French News Broadcast Daily from Station X.M.H.A.

Made by D.S.I. Logan Forwarded by D.I. Crawford

At 4 p.m., December 8th, 1940 D.S.I. Logan, acting on the instructions of the D.C. (Crime & Special Branch) called on the manager of Radio Station X.M.H.A. Mr. Healey (American) and informed him that the Police considered the anti-Vichy Government propaganda which is broadcast daily from X.M.H.A., in the French language, prejudicial to law and order and undesirable in the International Settlement and requested him to discontinue broadcasts of the nature indicated.

In reply, Mr. Healey stated that he could not see his way clear to comply with the request of the Police for the following reasons :-

X.M.H.A. is American owned and operated and, according to the Constitution, there is no legal restraint on free speech by Americans. Furthermore the Station merely broadcasts Reuter and United Press telegrams and also a reply to Transocean's news bulletins which are broadcast daily from the German radio station X.G.R.S., Great Western Road. Moreover, the matter objected to which is broadcast from X.M.H.A., is substantially the same as that broadcast from the British station X.C.D.N. and the broadcast is in fact done by the same people in each case.

*Cancelled*

*8 C 1072*



*Have seen up  
to H.M. C. G.*





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Subject (in full) .....

Made by.....Forwarded by.....

Mr. Healey did not disclose the identity of the persons responsible for the broadcast which is sponsored by the Cross of Lorraine Association.

*W. Logan*

D. S. I.

A.C. (Special Branch)

Mr. Healey, Manager of Radio Station, attended U.S. Consulate on 9-12-40 in respect to a similar complaint from French to U.S. Authorities, however other than a decision to refrain from personalities, nothing further was arrived at than that of the report of D.S.I. Logan.



TRANSLATION

ALONAI NATIONAL POLICE  
S. B. D. 6813/14/X(17) (e)  
9 12 1944

December 7, 1944

Dear Major Bourns,

Station XMHA, Race Course Road, is now devoting itself to a campaign against a party of our compatriots. Certain statements, which perhaps the speakers do not fully realise, are of a nature to provoke reactions.

You know, as I do, how inauspicious any violent incidents between the French would be for the maintenance of order in the International Settlement. You will not fail to realise the disastrous consequences of such incidents, in a city where foreigners are watching us and who are ready to exploit the least discord.

Quite frankly, I consider we should, at all costs, unite in our efforts to restore peace of mind, in such a way that everyone can continue to do their duty, in a dignified manner, as is expedient in a country where we still have the chance to work freely for the protection of French interests.

Without wishing to ask you to take any strong action which would be contrary to our policy, I should very much appreciate if you would use your influence to draw the attention of the proprietors of Station XMHA to the fact that, without in the least wishing to we are sure, they are making themselves partisans of an agitation very detrimental to the interests and even to the existence of the entire foreign community.

Thanking you ,      Yours sincerely,

(Signed) L. *pat*





SERVICES DE POLICE

DIRECTION

N°



Changhai, le 7 Décembre 1940

Cher Major BOURNE,

La Station X M H A, Race Course Road, se livre actuellement à une campagne contre une partie de nos compatriotes. Certaines expressions qui dépassent peut-être la pensée des orateurs, sont de nature à provoquer des réactions.

Vous savez comme moi combien seraient néfastes pour l'ordre public sur le territoire de la Concession Internationale, des incidents violents entre Français. Vous n'avez pas manqué de réfléchir aux conséquences désastreuses qu'auraient ces incidents, dans une ville où les étrangers nous surveillent et sont prêts à exploiter la moindre discorde.

En toute conscience, j'estime que nous devons à tout prix unir nos efforts pour ramener le calme dans les esprits, de façon à ce que chacun puisse continuer sa tâche, dignement, comme il convient dans un pays où nous avons la chance de pouvoir encore travailler librement à la défense des intérêts français.

Sans vouloir vous demander une action énergique, qui ne correspondrait pas aux sentiments que nous éprouvons, je vous serais vivement



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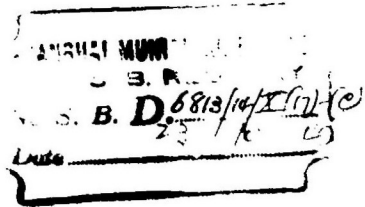
reconnaissant s'il vous était possible d'user de  
votre influence pour attirer l'attention des proprié-  
taires de la Station X M H A sur le fait que sans  
le vouloir aucunement nous en sommes bien persuadés,  
ils se font les auxiliaires d'une agitation très  
nuisible aux intérêts, et même à l'existence, de la  
communauté étrangère toute entière.

Avec mes remerciements, veuillez  
agréer, Cher Major BOURNE, l'expression de mes sen-  
timents les plus amicaux.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'F. du' or similar, written in a cursive style.

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October 21, 1940.

N. A. Ivanow, Esq.,  
Acting Chairman,  
Russian Emigrants' Committee,  
1, Lane 118 Moulmein Road,  
Shanghai.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 7, recording objection to remarks made about your Committee and yourself in the 8 a.m. news broadcast from Radio Station YMHA on October 7, and to state that your complaint has been drawn to the attention of the authorities concerned.

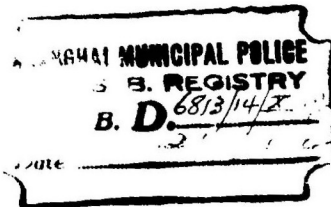
I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Acting Deputy Secretary.

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October 18, 40.

Secretary & Commissioner General,

S. M. C.

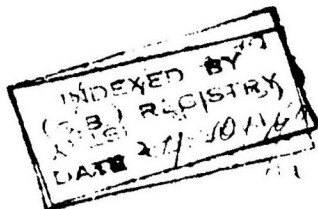
Reference: Letter from Mr. N.A. Ivanow  
dated October 7th 1940

Subject: Complaint against Radio Station  
X.M.A. 445 Kaneohe Road.

Mr. C. Alcott was approached in connection with his broadcast remarks in regard to local White Russian affairs and as a result the attached letter was received.

As the reply was not very conciliatory the matter was reported to the U.S. Consular authorities who I understand have requested Mr. Alcott to refrain from further comment on the White Russian situation.

Despite the tone of his letter I am of the opinion that the efforts of the Police and Consular authorities will be successful.



JES.

Sd. K. M. Bourne.  
Commissioner of Police.

X M H A

October 10, 1940.

Mr. R.W. Yorke,  
Assistant Commissioner, S.M.P.  
Shanghai.

Dear Mr. Yorke:

In my 8 a.m. broadcast on Monday, I read the report appearing in the China Press on Page 2 regarding the notice published in the Shanghai Zaria by the Ivanoff Russian Emigres' Committee warning Russians not to patronize the Russian Daily News.

In signing off, I adlibbed the thought that the notice smacked of intimidation of the sort that has taken place in Harbin, Mukden and other cities of the north.

I also remarked that Ivanoff apparently was following the lines of least resistance which, according to all information on the subject, was contrary to the policy that had been assumed by the late Charles Metzler. I also said that this new policy of the Emigres' Committee would only hold the name of Metzler in greater esteem hereabouts.

There was nothing more said. This is pure editorial comment and in view of the notice in the Shanghai Zaria as reported by the China Press, perfectly justified. I am quite willing to repeat it at any time. I would like to point out that I will not submit to any intimidation of myself by the committee which Ivanoff heads.

Sincerely,

(Sd.) C.D. Alcott

Certified true copy

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
S. B. REGISTRY  
October 17, 1940. *B.D. 6813/14/X/17*

Commissioner of Police.

Sir,

With reference to the complaint made to the Secretary & Commissioner General by Mr. N.A. Ivanow regarding remarks made in a broadcast by Mr. Carroll Alcott over Radio Station X.M.H.A., I approached Mr. Alcott and his written reply is attached herewith. The reply is not very conciliatory and in consequence I called on Mr. Stanton, U.S. Consul, and he has also requested Mr. Alcott to refrain from commenting upon the situation of White Russians for the time being.

Despite the concluding sentence in Mr. Alcott's letter, I am of the opinion that the overtures made to him from this office, combined with Mr. Stanton's request, will ensure no further comment on this aggravated question of the status of White Russians.

*D. C. (Special Branch)*  
D. C. (Special Branch)

RECEIVED BY  
S. B. REGISTRY  
DATE 17/10/40



OCT 7 1940

## Committee Warns Russians To Blacklist Pro-Soviet Daily

In the first direct order to the Russian community here since the murder of Charles E. Metzler lifted Nicolai E. Ivanow to head the Russian Emigrants' Committee, the latter administrative body yesterday warned all Russian emigres to abstain from dealings of any sort with the pro-Soviet Russian Daily News—or be regarded as helpers of the "enemy."

A notification placed in the "White" Shanghai Zaria "advised" all Russian emigre concerns and individuals to sever immediately all relations with the blacklisted newspaper, and to withhold from it all announcements and advertisements. Officials of the Russian Daily News yesterday stated they would not let this move against them pass unnoticed.

Charging the daily with agitating among emigres against the Nanking authorities, the Committee declared that the journal "does not even stop before provocational statements. In number 286 of this newspaper there appeared a mythical interview with the Commissioner of the Settlement police," the notification hinted.

This allusion, it was believed, dealt with the stand taken by the Shanghai Municipal Police on Mayor Fu Siao-en's decree that all Russian emigres be henceforward tried in the Nantao Court of the City Government of Greater Shanghai. Major Kenneth M. Bourne, S.M.P. Commissioner, told THE CHINA PRESS that the force he headed would continue bringing arrested Russians for trial in the First Special District Court, and this statement later appeared in the Russian Daily News.

"Let emigres not forget for a single minute," the Committee warned, "that by these actions the Russian Daily News plainly showed that it is the political enemy of Russian emigres, and that consequently all those who in one way or another contribute to its success and material welfare will be regarded as elements aiding an enemy organ."

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## OFF THE RECORD

### White Hopes

"White" Russians here comfort themselves with the thought that should the Japanese take over Shanghai good and proper they'll all be given Soviet papers. Except, of course, those who could not love Russia so much did they not love the New Order more.

Many say they had it on good authority that the "Reds" are willing to forgive and forget. With Japanese sentries ruling the coast in Tientsin, most emigres there have been granted Soviet papers, they say. It is reported that during the floods in that port the Soviet Consulate doled out food and shelter to the emigres—and even put a notification to that effect in the Nippon-fearing "Nasha Zaria," sister journal of the Shanghai Zaria that printed Ivanow's ukas blacklisting the pre-Soviet Russian Daily News.

Ivanow, they say, is in a "white" rage over the beating he took at the rhetoric of Carroll Alcott. The newscaster called his step in warning emigres from having anything to do with the Daily News as "the meanest and most cursed example of intimidation I have come across in a long time." Mr. Alcott declared that the step only served to elevate the name of the late Charles E. Metzler, whose assassination put Ivanow at the head of the Russian Emigrants Committee. "You can judge for yourself what that does to the name of Ivanow," Mr. Alcott said.

## Mr. Carroll Alcott Attacked by Paper

**Radio Speaker's Comment  
Slammed by Russian Daily ;  
Russian Papers' War**

The recent, order, issued by Mr. N. A. Ivanow, new head of the Russian Emigrants' Committee, forbidding Russian emigres to buy and advertise in the "Russian Daily News," started quite a little war between the above daily and Russian emigrant newspapers, where editorials aimed at each other have been printed for several days. The affair reached a different angle yesterday when a Russian daily attacked Mr. Carroll Alcott for not "minding his own business" when he commented upon the order in his radio broadcast on Monday evening.

According to the paper, Mr. Alcott said that the Russians should judge for themselves what they are to do and that it was not Mr. Ivanow's business to mix into the Russian public's private affairs. The paper also stated that, since Mr. Alcott is an American, it was his business still less to comment upon the order. It was also reported that Mr. Ivanow would file a protest with the Shanghai Municipal Council against the attack directed by Mr. Alcott in his recent broadcast.

### **Helpers of the "Enemy"**

The order, which started quite a storm in the Russian newspaper columns, was given in the "Shanghai Zaria" a few days ago when Mr. Ivanow warned the Russian community against dealing with the pro-Soviet daily and that those who continued to do so would be regarded as helpers of the "enemy." The "Russian Daily News" was charged with agitating among Russians against the Nanking Government and printing provocative statements.

A stronger attack was launched against the pro-Soviet paper by the "Far Eastern Times," Russian-language paper sponsored by the Japanese, which stated in its editorial that unless the "Russian Daily News" stopped printing derogatory statements against the Nanking Government and the actions of the Russian Emigrants' Committee, it would be closed.

It will be remembered that the "Russian Daily News" was bombed last year when a missile was thrown into its offices. Lately, Mr. V. Chilikin, editor of the paper, was warned that he would meet a similar end to that suffered by Sub-Inspector P. M. Yankovsky who, according to reliable sources, was murdered because he knew too much.

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**X M H A****"THE CALL OF THE ORIENT"  
SHANGHAI**

October 10, 1940

Mr. R.W. Yorke,  
Assistant Commissioner, S.M.P.  
Shanghai.

Dear Mr. Yorke:

In my 8 a.m. broadcast on Monday, I read the report appearing in the China Press on Page 2 regarding the notice published in the Shanghai Zaria by the Ivanoff Russian Emigres' Committee warning Russians not to patronize the Russian Daily News.

In signing off, I admitted the thought that the notice smacked of intimidation of the sort that has taken place in Harbin, Mukden and other cities of the north.

I also remarked that Ivanoff apparently was following the lines of least resistance which, according to all information on the subject, was contrary to the policy that had been assumed by the late Charles Metzler. I also said that this new policy of the Emigres' Committee would only *held* the name of Metzler in greater esteem hereabouts.

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Sincerely,

*C.D. Alcott*  
C.D. Alcott

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RUSSIAN EMIGRANTS' COMMITTEE

Lane 118, Moulmein Road,  
Shanghai, 7th October 1940.

G. G. Phillips, Esq.,  
Secretary & Commissioner General,  
Shanghai Municipal Council,  
Shanghai.

Sir,

I have the honour to draw your kind attention to the broadcasting made by the Radio Station X.M.H.A., 445 Race Course Road, at 8 o'clock a.m. to-day, in which broadcasting there was a propaganda directed against Mr. Fu Siao Yen, Mayor of the Special City Government of Shanghai, my Committee and myself.

As I know, Municipal Authorities of the International Settlement never allow any political propaganda within its territory, and, therefore, I beg to request you to take necessary steps to cease any propaganda by the said station directed against Russian Emigrants' Colony here in general and my Committee in particular.

I may only wonder why Russian Emigrants' Colony so interests said Station and it would be much better if the station forgets for ever about our existence.

Awaiting your answer.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) N.A. Ivanow,  
Acting Chairman.



Memorandum.POLICE FORCE,  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, Sept. 7, 1940.

To...

Sir,

Re attached.

House No. 18, Lane 429 is a brothel, it is quite possible that the party alleged to be Japanese intended visiting the above for reasons which are obvious, there is also a possibility that they may have been under the influence of drink. The action of the C.P.C.s in running away and not raising an alarm or obtaining the number of the car constitutes gross neglect of duty.

  
D. I.

6. D. 6813/14/3712  
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Chengtu Road  
September 7. 40.

12.45 to 2.30 a.m.  
7/9/40.

Lane 429 Chungking  
Road and vicinity.  
Chengtu Road Police  
Station.

Enquiries by D.S.I. Kennedy and C.D.S. 6.

At 12.45 a.m. 7/9/40 C.P.C.'s 774 and 667 came to the station and made the following report. At 12.35 a.m. 7/9/40 while on duty outside the rear entrance of Station X.M.H.A. 445 Race Course Road, a black painted closed hire car drove through Lane 429 Chungking Road to the back door of station X.M.H.A. The four occupants of the car had the appearance of Japanese. Three of them alighted from the car, and one of them addressed C.P.C. 774 in Chinese and asked to be directed to No. 18 in this lane (the rear No. of Station X.M.H.A. is 12). Both C.P.C.'s answered that they did not know where this house was situated, whereupon the man who addressed C.P.C. 774 produced a pistol and caught hold of the C.P.C. by the arm, while another member of the trio also seized C.P.C. 667 by the arm, both C.P.C.'s being forced towards the waiting motor car. When nearing the vehicle however, both C.P.C.'s managed to break away from their captors and ran towards the entrance of this alleyway on Chungking Road with their captors in pursuit. On reaching Chungking Road, the C.P.C.'s looked back and saw that they were no longer pursued, so they came to the station to

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report the incident. When the undersigned and C.D.S. 6 arrived on the scene shortly afterwards the car and its inmates had disappeared. Neither of the C.P.C.'s had noticed the licence number. The chauffeur of the car in question also appeared to be Japanese and was dressed in a white overalls. S.P.W. 114 on duty at the entrance to this alleyway was questioned, but stated that beyond noticing C.P.C.'s 774 and 667 running past him into Chungking Road, he was in ignorance regarding the incident.

The undersigned and C.D.S. 6 proceeded to House 18 Lane 429 Chungking Road where the occupants of the car wished to be directed. The chief tenant at this address is one Soo Da Lan (蘇大蘭) connected with Kan Ryui Steamship Co. 14 Museum Road. The other two inmates are Sien Ngoh (甄鳴) Hardware Merchant, and Koong Ching Wo (吳慶生) a female evacuee from Kaseu (加沙).

Description of the four men involved in the incident is as follows :-

- (1) Age about 40, ht. about 5'6", stout build, round face, dark complexion, hair cut short, small mustache, dressed in black foreign style clothing. (Armed).
- (2) Age about 37/8, ht. about 5'4/5", medium build, thin long face, hair long parted in the centre, dressed in white foreign style jacket and grey pants.



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(3) Age about 34/5, ht. about 5'5",  
medium build, long hair brushed back,  
dressed in black foreign style clothing.

(4) Age about 30, strong build, long hair  
brushed back, dressed in white overalls.  
(Chauffeur).

Copies of statements taken from C.P.C.'s 774 and  
667 attached.

*ja Kennedy*  
D. S. I.

*Hee*  
Sen. Det. 1/c.

D. O "A"

D. D. O. "A"

Officer 1/c, Sp. Br.

Supt. 1/c, C.I.

C.P.C. 774 Ch. Rd.

// C.D.S. 6

Ch. Rd. Stn.

7/9/40.

translated Clerk Tan.  
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Sir,

I beg to report that on 6/9/40, I was detailed on night duty at the back entrance of Radio Station X.M.H.A., at Lane 429 Chungking Road together with C.P.C. 667.

At 12.35 a.m. 7/9/40, I saw a black painted hire car being driven into the lane, in which was seated four persons, presumably Japanese. When the car was stopped outside the back door of the radio station, three persons alighted from same; one of them asked us in Chinese "where is No. 18" to which we answered "we don't know." Thereupon one of them, wearing black foreign style clothing, produced a pistol. This man seized hold of my left hand and another one seized hold of the right hand of C.P.C. 667. They ordered us to get into the waiting car. We complied but when we were nearing the car, we broke away and ran towards the entrance to the lane. The three persons ran after us but when we reached the entrance to the lane, we looked back and found the three persons were not chasing us any more. We then came to the station to report.

The above statement is true.

Signed:- Zau Yung Han.  
C.P.C. 774.

C.P.C. 667.

Ch. Rd. Stn.

7/9/40.

// C.D.S. 6.

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Clerk Tan.

Sir.

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At 12.35 a.m. 7/9/40, I saw a black painted hire car being driven into the lane, in which was seated four persons, presumably Japanese. When the car was stopped outside the back door of the radio station referred to, three persons alighted from same; one of them asked us in Chinese "where is No. 18?" to which we answered "we don't know." Thereupon one of them, dressed in black foreign style clothing, produced a pistol. This man seized hold of my right hand and another one seized hold of the left hand of C.P.C. 774. They ordered us to get into the waiting car. We complied but when we were nearing the car, we broke away and ran towards the entrance to the lane. The three persons ran after us but when we reached the entrance to the lane, we looked back and found the three persons were not chasing us any more. We then came to the station to report. While I was running, I lost my service cap.

The above is my true statement.

Signed:- Lee Soong Lien.

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Chengtu Road

FURTHER

August 24, 40.

Anonymous letter implying threats received per postal delivery by

Mr. Alcott, X.W.H.A. Radio Station News Commentator

D. I. Hill

Officer 1/c.

Sir,

I beg to report that Mr. Carroll D. Alcott, U.S. citizen, Radio News Commentator for X.W.H.A. Radio Station, No. 443 Race Course Road, received per postal delivery on the 23-8-40, an anonymous letter implying threats, the letter which is purported to have been sent by a Russian female is typewritten on plain paper and reads as follows:-

August 22, 1940.

Mr. Carol Alcott,  
c/o XWHA Broadcasting Stn.,  
443 Race Course Road,  
SHANGHAI.

Dear Mr. Alcott,

As a Russian girl I shouldn't be much concerned about your safety, your remarks about emigrant Russians in general and Russian girls in particular being usually far from flattering; still, as a partisan of the same political opinions, I wish you well and, therefore, want to draw your attention to the rumours spreading around town and originating, as far as I could ascertain, North of the Creek, to the effect that, in case you decide to leave town, you will not be allowed to do so alive.

Of course, you know how to take care of yourself, but just in case you really decide to take up travelling as a recreation and overlook the advisability of travelling on a U. S. man-of-war, I would suggest that you not only endeavour to do so, but that you embark straight from a Navy car together with some of your Navy friends.

Just to let me know that you received this, perhaps altogether superfluous, message, do mention same in one of your 7-30 a.m. broadcasts, so that I may be sure not to miss it.

With best wishes,

Miss T.

Mr. Alcott stated that he suspected that the letter was sent by some person connected with the "Hanzi News

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Agency", as the type was similar to that used by the latter.

The post mark on the envelope reveals that the letter was posted at the General Post Office, North Macpherson Road.

The Police precautionary measures adopted in connection with previous threats received by Mr. Alcott is still being maintained.

Original letter attached to copy of the report forwarded to the D.D.O. "A". Mr. Alcott requests that the letter be returned to him in due course.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,



D. I.

D. C. "A"

D. D. C. "A"

D. C. (Sp. Branch).

U.S.M.C.

Chengtu Road

Further

Aug. 2nd, 40.

Threats received by telephone at Radio Station X.M.H.A. 445 Race Course Road against Mr. C. B. Alcott's news broadcasts.

D.S. Taylor,

Officer i/c.

Sir,

At 7.45 p.m. 2-8-40 P.P.S. 150 Ryeburg on duty at Radio Station X.M.H.A. 445 Race Course Road telephoned to the station to report that Mr. Alcott had received another telephone threat.

The undersigned attended and interviewed Mr. Alcott when the following was learned.

At 7.10 p.m. 2-8-40 the telephone rang at Radio Station X.M.H.A. and was answered by Mr. Vic. Schnierson, Sports Reporter. The caller asked to speak to Mr. Alcott. Mr. Alcott then answered the phone, telling the caller that Mr. Alcott was not in, but that he could take any message for Mr. Alcott. The caller then said "Tell Mr. Alcott that he must go" he then slammed down the receiver. Mr. Alcott states that judging, from the man's accent, he believes that the caller was a Japanese.

Mr. Frank Moss, X.M.H.A. station announcer reported to the undersigned that at about 12 m.m. 1-8-40, when he left the radio station for his home, he saw a silver coloured, two seater, sports model motor-car parked across the street from the radio station facing East on Race Course Road. As the car appeared very much like one owned by Mr. Don. Chisholm, Mr. Moss thought it was Mr. Chisholm sitting at the driving seat. He shouted "Hello Don" but receiving no answer, Mr. Moss started to cross the street to talk to the man he thought was Mr. Chisholm. However, the car started up and was speedily driven East on Race Course Road and had reached the intersection of

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Mohawk Road before Mr. Moss had crossed the street. As it was dark, and the car travelled so fast, Mr. Moss was unable to note the licence number.

Mr. Moss states that he is on friendly terms with Mr. Chisholm and is sure that if it was latter's car Mr. Chisholm would have replied to his friendly hail. He now believes it was some other person watching the station, who did not wish to be recognised, when Mr. Moss started to cross the street, and so drove away.

C.P.C. 3024 on duty in front of the radio station at 12 m.n. 1-8-40 was questioned, but states he did not particularly notice this car as there are often cars parked in this vicinity.

*A. L. Saylor*  
D.S. 2.

*She*  
Sen. Det. 1/c.

D. B. O. "A"

D. O. "A"

D. O. Special Branch.

Supt. 1/c C. I.

Intelligence Officer U.S.M.C.

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Chongta Road

July 31, 40.

Threat against Mr. C.B. Alcott, American Citizen.

D.I. Hill

*E. Hill*  
Officer I/c.

DC (S. Branch) Sir,

*Chap  
Information  
Office  
D.I.*

I beg to report, that at 7.45 p.m. 31/7/40, the undersigned on request proceeded to "X N X A" Radio Station, No. 445 Race Course Road and there interviewed Mr. Carroll Alcott, News Commentator, the latter stated that he was in possession of information of an important and confidential nature, which he desired to impart to the Police. Mr. Alcott then stated as follows :-

*Ref*

"I have received information from Major Williams, U.S. Naval Attaché and Mr. Richard P. Detrick United States Consul General, to the effect that the former mentioned are in possession of certain information allegedly received from Japanese Naval Sources to the effect that a possible attempt will be made in the very near future to assassinate one or two of the list of Foreigners recently ordered for deportation from Shanghai by the "Wang Ching Wei" Government. I have been given to understand that a possible attempt will be made on my life, this may mean that the "Wang Ching Wei" Government would attempt to force the "Powers" to recognise them by whatever diplomatic negotiations may be subsequently instituted. I have been advised by the U.S. Consul General Mr. Detrick, to take extreme precautions. I therefore have decided to take up residence by day between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. at the Radio Station No. 445 Race Course Road, and at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. at my present address No. 147 Rue Paul Henry Apt. 11. Tele. 70851. I there-

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fore request that I be provided with a Foreign Police escort during the journey to and from the Radio Station."

The D.O. "A" was acquainted with the foregoing information and gave instructions that an escort be provided as requested, further arrangements will be made in due course.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



B. I.

D. O. "A"

D. B. O. "A"

Officer i/c, Special Branch.

Supt. i/c, C.I.

U.S. Marine Corps.

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292/40.

Chengdu Road

July 30th. 40.

Threats received by telephone at Radio Station X. M. H. A. 445 Race Course Road against Mr. C. D. Alcott's news broadcasts.

D. S. Taylor.

*Officer i/c.*

Sir,

*DC (3/3/40)*  
*Chf*  
*Information*  
*File*  
*2/1*  
At 8.30 a.m. 30-7-40, P.P.S. 150 Nyberg reported to the Officer i/c that Mr. Carroll Alcott had informed him that at 10.20 p.m. 29-7-40 a telephone message had been received at Radio Station X.M.H.A., 445 Race Course Road warning that Mr. Alcott's news broadcasts should be discontinued within three days.

The undersigned interviewed Mr. Alcott and also Mr. Frank Moss, X.M.H.A. station announcer, who had received the telephone call and, as a result, the following details were obtained.

At 10.15 p.m. 29-7-40, Mr. Alcott commenced his usual evening news broadcast over Radio Station X.M.H.A. 445 Race Course Road. At 10.20 p.m. 29-7-40 the telephone rang at the radio station and Mr. Frank Moss answered. The following conversation in English then ensued.

Caller: "Take that shit off the air. I give him three days to get off the air. See?"

Mr. Moss: "What did you say?"

Caller: "You heard me. I said take that shit off the air."

Mr. Moss: "Sounds screwy to me."

Caller: "Nothing screwy about it. I give him three days to get off the air."

Mr. Moss: "Why dont you tell that to Mr. Alcott himself?"

Caller: "Alright I will. What time does his broadcast finish?"

Mr. Moss: "About 10.35 p.m. Who is that speaking?"

Caller: "Feng" "You heard me, speak with a U. S. I give him three days to get off the air. Adios :"

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Mr. Moss states that in the middle of the conversation he had recognized the voice of the caller, but had prolonged the conversation to make sure. He states that he is quite sure that the caller was a Russian Jew, of his acquaintance, named Nathaniel Rabin alias Rabinovitch, who is known to have connections with the Japanese Authorities and is now said to be connected with the Special Service Corps of the Japanese Army. Mr. Moss states that he had known Rabin for a period of about 5 years, and he is quite certain that it was this man's voice he heard over the telephone.

After Mr. Alcott had finished his broadcast Mr. Moss informed him of the telephone call and also told Mr. Alcott that he was convinced that the caller was a man named Rabin.

At 1.30 a.m. 30-7-40, Mr. Alcott was awakened by the telephone ringing in his home. He got up and answered the phone whereupon the caller, obviously a foreigner speaking with a slight Russian accent, told Mr. Alcott that he had just three days in which to discontinue his news broadcasts. Mr. Alcott asked the man why he did not come and give his message direct to Mr. Alcott's face instead of calling on the telephone and, acting on the information given by Mr. Moss, addressed the caller as Rabin. The caller, apparently caught off guard, asked how Mr. Alcott knew his name and then said it made no difference and repeated that Mr. Alcott had only three days to get off the air. He then slammed down the receiver.

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In view of the certainty of Mr. Ness regarding his recognition of the caller's voice and the subsequent tacit admission of his identity as Rabin, when Mr. Alcott addressed him by this name, there seems to be good reason to believe that the caller was in fact Nathaniel Rabin alias Rabinovitch.

This man was formerly a musician, playing in local cabarets and at one time, a few years ago, managed the Little Club on Bubbling Well Road. During the period of Sino-Japanese hostilities in the Shanghai area, Rabin used his connections with the Japanese authorities to obtain permits for the removal of cargoes, belonging to Chinese, from restricted areas. It is said that he is now actively connected with the Japanese Army Special Service Section.

There are two G.P.C.'s constantly on guard at the rear of the premises of Radio Station I.N.H.A. while another G.P.C. is on duty at the front of the premises. In addition to the above F.P.S. 180 Nyberg is on duty daily at the radio station during all news broadcasts i.e. 7.50 a.m., 1 p.m., and 10.15 p.m. When asked if he wished any further precautionary measures to be taken for his protection Mr. Alcott stated that, if possible, he would like to have a foreign Police escort throughout the day - commencing from 7 a.m. until about 11 p.m. - to accompany him to and from his home, to his office and the radio station, there being periods during the day when the escort would not be required.

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It is understood, that Mr. Alcott has already sent  
a report to the U. S. Consul-General regarding this affair.

*Free*

Sen. Det. i/c.

*A. L. Taylor*  
D. S. 2.

D. B. O. "A"

D. O. "A"

D. O. Special Branch.

Supt. i/c. C. I.

Intelligence Officer, U.S.M.C.

# Special Branch

"A"

Misc. No. 741/40.

Central  
July 30th, 40.

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## Threat to Carroll B. Alcott, I.M.H.A. Radio Announcer.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6  
Mr. Carroll B. Alcott, U.S. Citizen, Radio Announcer at I.M.H.A. Radio Station, 445 Race Course Road, against whom threats have recently been made, received further threats yesterday, 29-7-40, and again today, 30-7-40.

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6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100  
At 10.20p.m. 29-7-40, Mr. Frank Moss, announcer at 445 Race Course Road, received a telephone message from a male whose voice he recognized as being that of one NATHANIEL RABIN, Russian Jew, Rabin requested that Mr. Alcott be told that "He had just three days in which to get off the air." Mr. Moss is personally acquainted with Rabin and is certain that it was his voice that gave the above message.

At 1.20a.m. 30-7-40, Mr. Alcott who was at his home at 187 Route Paul Henri was awakened by a telephone call; a male voice repeating a similar message to that which Mr. Moss had received. Mr. Alcott in reply addressed the caller as "Rabin" whereupon the latter asked him how it was that he knew his name. Mr. Alcott answered that he recognised his voice, whereupon Rabin said: "What difference does it make who I am. You have three days in which to get off the air." Rabin then rang off.

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Mr. Alcott, a copy of whose letter reporting the matter to the U.S. Consul General is hereto attached, states that he knows Rubin by sight but that he is not personally acquainted with him. He further stated that he believes him to be in the employ of the Special Service Section of the Japanese Army.

In connection with Mr. Alcott's reference to Rubin's predilection for the North side of the Peckow Creek it is to be noted that one "M. Robbins" is listed among the residents of Broadway Mansions.

Mr. Alcott stated that his reasons for reporting the affair to the Police was to make certain that it was placed on record.

*10/23/17*  
Gen. Det. I.C.

*D. McLaughlin*  
D. S.

D.D.O. "A" Div.

July 30, 1940.

Mr. R.P. Butrick,  
U.S. Consul-General,  
SHANGHAI.

Dear Mr. Butrick;

I would like to report another threat made against me last night. It came from a foreigner whom I have good reason to believe is in the employ of the Special Service Section of the Japanese Army, a man named Nathaniel Rabin, believed to be a Russian Jew from Harbin although he has attempted to pass himself off as an American.

Rabin called Radio Station XNHA at 10.30p.m. yesterday, July 29. The announcer on duty, Mr. Frank Moss, took the call. Rabin, who refused to give his name, told the announcer to tell me that I had just three days in which to get off the air.

Moss gave me this information, at the same time announcing that he knew who the man was who had called. He said it was Nathaniel Rabin whom he knew personally. He recognized his voice, he stated, and would swear to it that it was Rabin. Moss informed me that he had asked Rabin why he didn't call me personally and deliver the message.

About 1.20a.m. this morning, I was awakened from my sleep at my home by a telephone call. A foreigner's voice repeated the message that had been given to Moss, namely that I had three days in which to get off the air. Acting on the tip given me by Mr. Moss, I addressed the caller as Rabin. He asked me how I knew his name and I told him that I recognized his voice. He then said; "What difference does it make who I am. You have three days in which to get off the air." He then slumped down the receiver.

I have already reported the threat to the Police and I thought it best to inform you at the same time.

In view of the statement made by Moss that he



recognized Rabin's voice and in view of the man's reply when I challenged him, I am convinced that he is the man who telephoned.

It also is known that he returned to Shanghai from North China about two weeks ago. Although he seldom appears south of Soochow Creek, he was seen by myself in the lobby of the Foreign Y.M.C.A. last Sunday.

Sincerely,

Carroll D. Alcott.

CDA:NG

Two G.P.C.'s are constantly on guard at rear of the premises near the transmitting room, while one other G.P. C. is on duty near the front door of I.M.H.A. on Race Course Road. The G.P.C.'s were ignorant regarding the visit to the premises of the above mentioned, P.S. 180 Nyberg is detailed for duty during broadcasts and is on the premises daily between the following time, 7.45 a.m. to

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8.10 a.m. 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. 7.45 p.m. to 8.20p.m.  
and 9.45 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. On instructions of D.D.O. "A"  
a foreign detective attached to this station will visit  
X. M. H. A. about 9 p.m. daily to keep observation.

*ja Kennedy*  
D. S. I.

  
Sen. Det. 1/c.

D. D. O. "A"

D. O. "A"

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of F.P.S. 150 Egeberg.  
native of..... taken by me self  
at Chengtun Road on the 18-7-40 and interpreted by.....

I beg to state that on the 18-7-40 at about 12.25 p.m. I reported for duty at the radio station X.M.H.A., 445 Race Course Road. I was notified by the manager, Mr. Healey, that about 12.20 p.m. even date a Chinese female had visited the station and requested to be shown around. Mr. Healey refused the female's request. She then asked if a Miss Black was employed there and was informed that no female of that name was employed at the Radio Station. She then asked the time for the news broadcast. After receiving this information, she left the station.

*J. Egeberg*

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Misc No 208/40.

Chengtu Road Station,

REPORT

Date June 2, 1940.

Subject (in full) Reported threats of bombing against Radio Station X.M.H.A..

544 Race Course Road.

Made by D.S.I. Black

Forwarded by

Officer i/c.

Sir,

The original letter was returned to Mr. Healey at  
10.30 a.m. 1/6/40.

The Police guard is still being maintained and Mr.  
Healey has not received any further threats.

*D.S.I. Black*  
D. S. I.

*[Signature]*  
Sen. Det. i/c.

D. O. "A"

D. D. O. "A"

Officer i/c, Special Branch.

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S. 1, Special Branch /*Shanghai*///

REPORT

Date May 30, 19 40.

Subject Radio Station X.M.H.A. - Threatened.

Made by D.S.I. Logan

Forwarded by D. I. Crawford

Further to Special Branch reports on the above subject dated May 24, 1940, and May 29, 1940, Mr. Healey, Manager of Radio Station A.M.H.A., handed to D.S.I. Logan on May 30, 1940, the attached threatening letter and envelope in which it was delivered by post to 445 Racecourse Road on April 30, 1940. At the time this particular letter was received, no report was made to the Police. The letter was handed to Mr. Alcott (news commentator) by Mr. Healey and little notice taken of it. The contents of the letter tend to indicate that it may have been sent by either a Japanese or anti-Chungking Government Chinese and that there may be no connection between this letter and the one received on May 15, 1940, (mentioned in Special Branch report dated May 24, 1940).

Examination of the envelope shows that it is an ordinary business envelope of the American Dispensary, Fed. Inc., U.S.A., 226 Nanking Road, which had been sent to some person unknown in the ordinary course of business. The sender of the threatening letter erased the address and part of the used stamp from this envelope and used it to forward the threatening letter to A.M.H.A. The letter was posted at the General Post Office,

Commr. of Police.  
Sir:  
Information.  
*R.D. fork*  
D.C. (Sp. R.)

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Subject. ....

Made by. .... Forwarded by. ....

North Szechuen Road, at 5 p.m., April 29, 1940.

It has now been ascertained that the American woman mentioned in Special Branch report dated May 29, 1940, as being associated with Kraft alias Durkop alias Durock, is not the wife of von Hanvel but is the wife of Charles Melchers of Transocean News Service, who was formerly an employee of the Shanghai Waterworks Company. It is stated that Mrs. Melchers is extremely anti-British and harbours a grudge against the Waterworks Company in connection with the termination of her husband's services with that concern. This American woman is of German extraction and her maiden name was also Kraft.

Information was also received to the effect that the local German Authorities, who have one or more radio transmitting and receiving sets in the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Schule, Avenue Maig, through their Russian engineer, unsuccessfully attempted to buy a radio antenna from the manager of Station X.M.H.A. on the morning of May 30, 1940.

*W. Legan*

D. S. I.

D. C. (Special Branch).

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**SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.**

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S. 1, Special Branch *Station, 12*

**REPORT**

Date *May 29,* 19 *40.*

Subject *Radio Station X.M.V.A. - Threatened.*

Made by *D.C.I. Logan*

Forwarded by *D. I. Crawford*

Comm. at  
Sir:

*R. J. F. J. J.*

*D. C. (Sp. Br.)*



Reference Special Branch report on the above subject dated May 26, 1940, in which reference is made to two German Gestapo agents, namely, Kraft and Durock, it has now been learned that Kraft and Durock are one and the same person and that he also uses the name Durkop or Durcop. Kraft is reported to be utilizing an American woman who is married to a German (it has not been possible to ascertain this lady's name but she may possibly be the wife of von Hanvel, Park Hotel), in his activities but details are lacking. Information has been received from the same source to the effect that on the evening of May 26, 1940, Kraft was making merry around the town in celebration of a deal which he had just arranged, for the transporting to Germany via the Siberian railway, of 1,000 tons (?) of aluminium packed in tea chests. According to this information the aluminium is being packed in tea chests somewhere in the Eastern district and shipped in Japanese ships.

Information from the same source is to the effect one Winkelmann (Dutch) husband of Ann Surgers and son of the Dutch General Winkelmann is actively pro-Nazi and is associated with a German named Ernst Grossmann, 156 Route des Soeurs.



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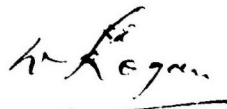
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Subject.....

Made by.....

Forwarded by.....

Mr. Wesley handed the original of the threatening letter, mentioned in the initial report, to D. J. Will, Chengtu Road but was unable to produce the envelope which appears to have been destroyed. Enquiries have failed to throw any light on the source of the letter but contact is being maintained with Mr. Wesley and any new development will be reported immediately.



D. C. I.

D. C. (Special Branch).

Shanghai. 15.4.40

Dear Sir:

The interruptions on your radio are to be expected. For many months I have been amazed, that you allowed Mr. Alcott to drag you into political currents. His News talks are interesting, but obviously propaganda, which means ~~he~~ he not getting money from the Chungking Government he would not put over such bitter and one-sided Chinese propaganda. That "Jello" etc are but cloaks to get his Chungking stuff over.

The municipal election played right into his hand and he fought the local election on the strength of the Chungking money.

We know that men come to China to get ~~that~~ money as quickly as they can and get out, but that you, an established, and hope-to-be-staple-business should allow anyone to jeopardize your business unnecessarily beats we people who advertise with you and who have helped you to build that business.

we, no matter what our local war hopes may be, know that the Japanese have control of China... the price of everything local tell us this... so why in the name of common business sense allow Alcott to fill us up with Chinese paid propaganda as to this and that (supposed) victory of the Chinese army when we know it does not exist and when it led you into certain unpopularity and your advertisers off the air.

You have been asking for it and you have got it. That it did not come to you before beats me. Now ask yourself why you got it? and you have the answer.... because you allowed a man to deaf, dumb and blind you.

Not content with this, he has the effrontery, and you the dumbness, to turn this latest affair into a personal propaganda appeal. Who in heavens name wants "listeners protests" but Alcott himself as his personal boost fan mail.

It has come to this that we are wondering who is X.M.H.A. and we say The Chungking Government and their mouth-piece Alcott, who, all power to him if he can get it over, is too slick even for himself because he will take both himself and you off the air permanently, if not ~~checked~~ checked by you. for your advertisers will not continue to fight political battles.

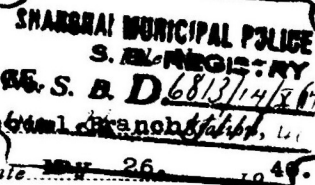
All along he has treated you as a mutt, now he is treating the public likewise. And should this not dawn on you, I intend to take up this matter in the daily press, for we want harmony, or as much of it as white men can give.. in this settlement. He has just about pulled the last straw from his sheaf and ~~he is now ready to do so with himself~~

Wake up your country needs you.

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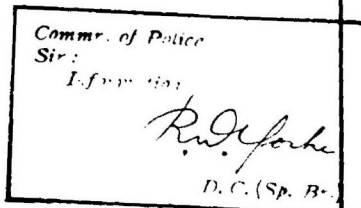
REPORT



Subject..... Radio Station A.M.H.A. - Threatened.

Made by. D.S.I. Logan

Forwarded by..... D.I. Crawford



Reference Chengtu Road Misc. Report 207/40 on the above subject, D.S.I. Black and D.S.I. Logan called on Mr. Healey, Manager of Radio Station A.M.H.A. at 10 a.m. May 25, 1940, and interviewed him further in regard to the threats which had been made against his station. Mr. Healey stated that he was unable to divulge the source of his information that local Nazis would bomb his station but reiterated that it came from a reliable source in one of the local intelligence services. He produced a copy of a letter dated May 15, 1940, which purported to come from a Nazi source, which accused him of being a running dog of the Allies and threatened dire punishment for him in the not distant future, when local conditions will be much changed. As the original letter had been handed to Mr. Carol Alcott (News Commentator) together with previous threatening letters which had been received, it was not possible to obtain them but Mr. Healey has promised to place them in the hands of the Police as soon as he can get them back from Mr. Alcott.

Mr. Healey also stated that he had received information to the effect that two German Gestapo agents, named Kraft and Durock, who formerly occupied Room 309 of the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, came to Shanghai about March 24 and have since been living in Room 508, Broadway Mansions. Ostensibly their

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business in Shanghai is to facilitate the transport of goods destined for Germany via the Siberian Railway but actually they are working in collaboration with Lahrmann and Froesel directly under Dr. H.H. Woldt who is a very important executive of the German Intelligence Service in the Far East. According to Healey's information Kraft and Durock are engaged in organizing a movement which is designed to damage the cause of <sup>the</sup> Allies in Shanghai. Mr. Healey was informed that any further information which he might obtain would be appreciated and treated confidentially.

A description of Durock is not available but Kraft is described as follows :- about 5' 10"-11" in height, weighing about 165-170 lbs. blond hair, blue eyes, athletic figure and very good looking.

It is of interest to note that Mr. Healey stated that he was certain that he had nothing to fear from any Japanese organization as he was now on excellent terms with the local Japanese.

*A. L. Logan*  
D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Chongtu Road Station,

FURTHER REPORT

Date May 25, 1940.

Subject: Reported threats of bombing a night train to station X. N. No. 544

Race Course Road.

Made by: S. I. Black

Forwarded by:

*E. J. [Signature]*  
Office 1 c.

Sir,

The undersigned interviewed Mr. Henry Black with S. I. Black (S.I.) at 11 A.M. 25-5-40. He repeated his information to S. I. Black as recorded in Diary No. 1, and also read the copy of a letter which he received on 15-5-40 from Mr. Black which was:-

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"The letter - as to - [unclear] Shanghai.

I have been listening to your cross in this afternoon between 5 and 6.30 in time as they are referred to the "Gentlemen in [unclear]". I do not know whether you are British, American or not, but the thing is sure that I am of you. Either you are a complete fool or a "murderer" who is "killed" and paid by them for your dirty work. Now the only hope is that, your work at the [unclear] will be used soon for special consideration, and the time of execution in the not distant future will come, and you will receive your "reward" at the hands of the in power, unless you check early enough to stop it in time. Like the allied "murders" now are in the habit of doing, whenever someone threatens their precious lives. See how often they are, there seems to be some mix-up in your poor brains, and you would lose more intelligence if in the future you would apply this distinction to the "Gentlemen" now in power in Great Britain, the great destroyers of their Empire."

He stated that he had destroyed the envelope in

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which the letter came.

There is no signature to the letter but Mr. Healey is of the opinion that it emanates from "Nazi" sources.

The Police guard is still being maintained.

*Healey*

Gen. Det. i/c.

D. O. "A"

D. O. "A"

D. O. (Sp. Branch)

*Lee Shau*  
D.O.I.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Chengtu Road Station,

REPORT

Date May 24, 1940.

Subject. reported threats of bombing against Radio Station X.M.H.A., 544  
Race Course Road.

Made by. D.S.I. Black

Forwarded by

Officer i/c.

Sir,

Acting under instructions of Sen. Detective i/c, the undersigned interviewed Mr. Healey, manager of Radio Station, X.M.H.A. at his office 544 Race Course Road, at 2 p.m. 24-5-40.

Mr. Healey, an American citizen, stated that he had been informed on 23-5-40 from a very reliable source that his radio station would be 'bombed' in the near future. His informant told him that the German "Nazi" faction in Shanghai would be responsible for the bombing, as they took objection to the tone of the broadcasting by Mr. Carol Alcott (News Commentator). There had been no mention of any personal assault.

Mr. Healey was questioned as to the source of his information but refused to divulge same, stating it was from one of the "Intelligence" (meaning military) Services in Shanghai.

He had not informed his Consulate or the American Military Forces, but gave this report to the Police.

As a protection against any incident, a uniform C.P.C. has been posted at both the front and rear door of the Radio Station.

During the course of the interview, Mr. Healey volunteered the information that two German subjects 'KRAFT' and 'DUROCK' were residing in room 508, Broadway Mansions. The former who arrived in Shanghai about 6 weeks ago, previously occupied room 309 in the Imperial Hotel, Tokio. He was ostensibly in Shanghai to negotiate for the transportation of goods over the trans-Siberian Railway, but

*Comm  
Information*



*Two C.I.C. posted  
at the rear door  
and one at the  
front door. A  
German who gave  
the report during  
the broadcast time  
at 11 pm & 10:15 pm.*



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according to Mr. Healey, the two men were here for the purpose of organising a 'Gestapo' among the German Community in Shanghai.

*DeBlauw.*  
D. S. I.

Son. Det. i/c.

D. O. "A"

D. D. O. "A"

D. C. (Sp. Branch)



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Chengtu Road Station,

REPORT

Date May 24, 1940.

Subject: Reported threats of bombing against Radio Station X.T.H.A. 544  
Race Course Road.

Made by L. I. Flock

Forwarded by

Officer I/c.

Sir,

Being under instructions of Sen. Detective I/c, the undersigned interviewed Mr. Healey, manager of Radio Station, X.T.H.A. at his office 544 Race Course Road, at 2 p.m. 24-5-40.

Mr. Healey, an American citizen, stated that he had been informed on 23-5-40 from a very reliable source that his radio station would be 'bombed' in the near future. His informant told him that the German "Nazi" faction in Shanghai would be responsible for the bombing, as they took objection to the tone of the broadcasting by Mr. Gerald Scott (News Commentator). There had been no mention of any personal assault.

Mr. Healey was questioned as to the source of his information but refused to divulge same, stating it was from one of the "Intelligence" (meaning military) services in Shanghai.

He did not intend to divulge to the American military forces, but gave this report to the police.

In a precaution against any incident, a uniform C.P.C. has been posted at both the front and rear door of the radio station.

During the course of the interview, Mr. Healey volunteered the information that two German subjects 'ERIT' and 'HORN' were residing in room 508, 'Woolway Mansions'. The former he arrived in Shanghai about 6 weeks ago, previously occupied room 509 in the Imperial Hotel, Tokio. He was ostensibly in Shanghai to negotiate for the transportation of goods over the Trans-Siberian Railway, but

Two C.P.C.s posted at the rear door and one at the front door. A Foreign Police officer is posted during the broadcasting of news i.e. 8 a.m., 1 p.m. and 10.15 p.m.

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according to Mr. Hoolay, the two men were a party for the  
purpose of organizing a 'hostage' around the German com-  
munity in Shanghai.

*Lee Shan.*

*[Signature]*  
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## American Radio Station Here Protests Against Japanese Interference

Alleging deliberate interference by Japanese elements in Hongkew with the wave-length of the American-owned radio station XHMA, Mr. L. E. Healey, station manager, and Mr. Carroll D. Alcott, commentator whose independent news broadcast and commentary goes out over the air from the same station, yesterday lodged a protest with Mr. Richard T. Butrick, United States Acting Consul-General in Shanghai.

At the same time, the station manager and the commentator requested that the matter be placed before the Japanese authorities in an effort to have the interference stopped.

The interference was still on the air at a late hour last night, having started in the morning and continued throughout the day. On one occasion, Station XHMA changed its wave-length from 60 kilocycles to 65 kilocycles or broadcast. The interference followed suit and the jamming was renewed.

### Jams Short-Wave Also

Late yesterday afternoon, interference with the short-wave frequency operated by XHMA also started and another complaint was lodged by Mr. Alcott with Mr. Butrick. The Japanese Consul-General was informed by Mr. Butrick of the interference on long-wave yesterday afternoon and the Japanese are stated to have promised to investigate the matter. The investigation, however, brought no results yesterday.

As a result of the interference, hundreds of complaints poured in from listeners all over the city complained that not only were Mr. Alcott's broadcasts being jammed out by the interference but other programs were being interfered with as well.

In a statement to the press last night, Mr. Alcott declared:

"There is no question but what this is a deliberate attempt to drive me from the air, at least during the present election campaign period in Shanghai. With the means at our disposal, we have

located the point from which the interference is coming to an area in Hongkew near Chapoo and North Soochow Roads.

"The interference was first noticed four days ago but at that time, it was comparatively mild and confined largely to the hours of my broadcasts," Mr. Alcott continued. "It is significant that the interference started at about the same time I came out in open support of the two British and two American status quo candidates standing for election to the Shanghai Municipal Council as opposed to the five Japanese candidates."

"That those responsible for the interference have no legal grounds for complaint is clearly evidenced by the methods they have used in their efforts to drive me and the station from the air," Mr. Alcott said. "If they had legal grounds, there are legal means of taking action against me or the station."

"The Japanese have repeatedly claimed that they do not intend to establish a dictatorial system in the administration of International Settlement affairs should they obtain five seats on the Shanghai Municipal Council," said Mr. Alcott. "Granting that this might be true, the deliberate suppression of news and opinion by interference with radio broadcasts can hardly be regarded as lending much support to this claim," the commentator concluded.

The interference was also hindering the sending of messages to and reception from Manila. It was reported last night by cable companies here. It is understood that they are also making a protest about the matter.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

No. S. B. D. 6813/14/X/17

Date

## Interference With XMHA Is Continued

Interference with the wave-length of the American-owned radio station XMHA continued yesterday, with renewed efforts to blot out broadcasts to Shanghaianders.

Little result, however, was gained by these attempts to stifle programs allegedly considered "provocative" by some quarters. It was expected that the interference would continue today, but would soon be stopped.

Mr. L. H. Healey, station manager, and Mr. Carroll D. Alcott, commentator, on Saturday lodged a formal protest with the American Acting Consul-General here, Mr. Richard T. Butrick. The protest alleged that Japanese elements operating from Hongkew were instigating the interference.

It was also requested that the matter be laid before the Japanese authorities, in an effort to have the interference halted. The Japanese are expected to issue an answer today.

### Successful Dodge

The station officials revealed yesterday that the interference was being comparatively successfully dodged. Since XMHA's radio beam is interfered with at about the time that Mr. Alcott's news broadcast and commentary goes on the air, station engineers have effected the technique of slightly shifting the wave-length suddenly a few minutes before the broadcast.

Shanghaianders reported yesterday that they were receiving the broadcasts well, and had "caught on" to the dodge. Since it takes the rival radio beam almost half an hour to catch up with the new wave-length, little is achieved by the interference.

### Began Saturday

The interference began Saturday morning and lasted all through that day, while the short-wave frequency operated in a big way by XMHA was also the object of interference.

The campaign of intervention began significantly "at about the same time I came out in open support of the five British and two American *status quo* candidates standing for election to the Shanghai Municipal Council as opposed to the five Japanese candidates," Mr. Alcott declared in a statement, charging that "this is a deliberate attempt to drive me from the air, at least during the present election campaign period."

Point from which the interference was coming was traced to an area in Hongkew near Chapoo and North Soochow Roads, Mr. Alcott said. Hongkew, too, is the area most severely affected by the interference, it was said.

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## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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Chengts Road Station,

## REPORT

Date January 23, 1940

Subject. Complaint against 2 male Japanese.

Made by D.I. Hill

Forwarded by

Officer I/c.

Sir,

further to misc. No. 30/40 reports dated 18-1-40 and 20-1-40.

At 6.30 p.m. on the 22-1-40 Mr. C. Alcott, News Commentator for Radio Station X.M.H.A., No. 445 Race Course Road, telephoned the undersigned to the effect that the Police escort supplied subsequent to the 10-1-40, vide report dated 10-1-40, be discontinued at his request, as he was of the opinion that same was no longer necessary, expressing his appreciation for the previous escort supplied, Mr. Alcott requested that the Police guard on duty outside the radio station be continued, this request has been complied with.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

D. I.

D. O. "A"

D. D. O. "A"

Officer I/c Sp. Branch.

A.C. (S/Branch)

Sir  
Copy for  
your information  
D.I.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Misc. File No. 30/40

Chongtu Road Station,

FURTHER REPORT

Date Jan. 20, 1940.

Subject. Complaint against : male Japanese.

Made by D. I. Hill

Forwarded by J. J. Hill

DC (S. B. B. B.)  
Information  
Office

Sir,

I refer to report sent at 10.15 a.m. on Jan. 1-40, the undersigned proceeded to the Intelligence Office of the C.P.C. situated at No. 1077 Sincan Road. On reaching a copy of the letter was received. First, the letter was read and then the undersigned proceeded to the Intelligence Office. At the conclusion of the interview with the undersigned, the undersigned was informed that in view of the fact that Mr. C. Nicott was a British subject and that the undersigned was a British subject in military uniform, an officer present at the time the incident took place was called on to give evidence for the undersigned. The undersigned was then informed that the matter had been referred to the Major Stent further advice was given to the undersigned that the notice of the undersigned should be given to the notice of the undersigned. The undersigned was then informed that the undersigned should be given the incident any publication either by radio or through the medium of the press. Major Stent was informed of the precautions taken by the police i.e. the posting of a C.P.C. in the vicinity of the X.M.U.A. Station, No. 445 Race Course Road, the former then suggested that Mr. C. Nicott be given an escort when proceeding to and from the broadcasting station, although nothing untoward was likely to occur during the hours of day-light, the undersigned promised to refer the suggestion to a higher Police authority. As a result of the interview with Major Stent, the undersigned proceeded to the office of the

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D. O. "A" and informed the latter of the interview with the former mentioned, the D.O. "A" discussed the issue with the D.C. (Divisions) as a result of which it was decided that the undersigned interview Mr. C. Alcott and obtain his views on the matter.

At 6 p.m. on the 10-1-40, Mr. C. Alcott attended the station by appointment, he was interviewed by the Officer i/c and the undersigned, Mr. Alcott stated that he would greatly appreciate a Police escort when proceeding to and from the broadcasting station, for his night news commentary, leaving the Shanghai times building, Avenue Edward VII at 9.30 p.m. and leaving the broadcasting station at 10.40 p.m., it was suggested that the period of the escort be for about seven days this duty to be performed by a Foreign Police Officer in plain clothes. Mr. Alcott stated that he had now purchased a car from Mr. Mark N. Moody and for the time being was using licence plates No. 91. Mr. Alcott further stated that it was his intention to apply to Police Headquarters for a permit to carry a firearm.

The escort duty for the 10-1-40, was performed by D.S. Snuggs.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

*[Signature]*

D. I.

D. O. "A"

D. D. O. "A"

Officer i/c Sp. Branch.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Misc. File No. 30/40.

Chengtun Road Station,

REPORT

Date January 28, 1940.

Subject Complaint against 2 male Japanese.

Made by D.S. Snuggs

Forwarded by

Officer I/c.

Sir,

At 10 p.m. 18/1/40 Mr. C. Alcott, News Commentator for Station XMHA telephoned the station from No. 445 Race Course Road reporting, that whilst travelling in his private ricsna on Race Course Road near Taku Road he had been stopped by two male Japanese.

On receipt of this message, the undersigned proceeded to No. 445 Race Course Road and interviewed the complainant, when the following was ascertained.

At about 9.45 p.m. even date Mr. Alcott left the Shanghai Times Building situated at 160 Ave. Rd. VII (where he resides) in his private ricsna, in order to proceed to Station XMHA at 445 Race Course Road for the night's news commentary, he travelled along Ave. Rd. VII, Yu Ya Ching Road turning into Race Course Road as is his usual procedure. On arrival at the intersection of Race Course Road and Taku Road, a large grey sedan car, suddenly drove out from Taku Road stopping immediately in front of Mr. Alcott's ricsna, causing the ricsna coolie to stop suddenly.

As the car made no inclination to move, Mr. Alcott, ordered his ricsna coolie to pass around the front of the car. The driver of the car, noticing the ricsna coolie's actions, drove his car a little bit further and again stopped, thereby blocking the ricsna from proceeding West.

At this point Mr. Alcott noticed that the occupants of the car were two male Japanese, dressed in Japanese Military Uniform, who were closely scrutinizing him.

DC (Sp. Branch)  
Sir  
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The latter immediately instructed his ricsna coolie to turn into Taku Road, which was obeyed. He then travelled along Taku Road, turning into Mohawk. On arrival at the corner of Mohawk Road and Race Course Road, he again noticed the same car stopped at this intersection facing North.

Mr. Alcott then decided to alight from his ricsna, to prevent any further interference and proceeded on foot to No. 445 Race Course Road a distance of about 80 yards. The car then drove away in a Northerly direction along Mohawk Road.

The licence number of the car, was not noticed, and the only description Mr. Alcott could give of the occupants, was that they were dressed in Japanese military uniform.

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D.S. 57.

*W. Sun*  
Sen. Det. i/c.

D. O. "A"

D. D. O. "A"

Officer i/c, Special Branch.

March 10,

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Paul Fremet, Esq.,  
160 Avenue Edward VII,  
Shanghai.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of March 6, I have to state that as Radio Station X.M.H.A., situated at No. 455 Race Course Road, is not licensed by the Council I am unable to give you the name of the licensee.

The station is owned by the Radio Engineering Company, which is understood to be an American firm.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. W. Gubb

Deputy Secretary.

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S.B. D.6813

SHARON MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 6813
Date

March 9, 39.

The Secretary,

S. M. C.

Reference: Your endorsement No. K. 19/1

Subject : Radio Station X.M.H.A.  
422 East Chicago Road

The Radio Station mentioned is owned by an American firm The Radio Engineering Company, of which Mr. U.S. Erickson (American) of Henningsen Produce Company is the principal shareholder.

The Station is not registered by the Council, but the Police are informed of these particulars.

Sd. K. M. Bourne.  
Commissioner of Police.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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S.1 Special Branch, ~~Shanghai~~

REPORT

Date March 8 19 39

Subject Letter from Mr. Paul Premet, Advocate, enquiring the identity  
of the licensee of Radio Station X.M.H.A.

Made by D.S.I. Logan Forwarded by

With reference to the attached letter,  
dated 6.3.39, from Mr. Paul Premet, Advocate, 160 Avenue  
Edward VII, to the Secretary, S.M.C., requesting information  
as to the identity of the licensee of Radio Station X.M.H.A.,  
455 Race Course Road, the Radio Station mentioned is an  
American owned concern and is not registered by the S.M.C.

Radio Station X.M.H.A. is owned by Radio  
Engineering Co. of which Mr. U.S. Harkson (American) of  
Henningsen Produce Co. is the principal shareholder.

D. S. I.

P.A. to D.C. (Sp. Br.)  
D. C. (Special Branch)

P.A. to D.C. (Sp. Br.)  
Data ... although  
I think Mr. Premet should  
have given some reason  
for this.  
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PAUL PREMET  
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POLICE FORCE FOR

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
S. B. REGISTRY  
No. S. B. D. 6813/14/15  
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160 Avenue Edward VBB,  
Shanghai, March 6, 1939.

Mr. G. G. Phillips,  
Secretary,  
Shanghai Municipal Council,  
Local.

Dear Sir,

RADIO STATION X.M.H.A.  
RACE COURSE ROAD 455.

Would it be possible to know who is the Licences of  
the above establishment ?

Thanking you for your kind attention,

Yours faithfully,

PAUL PREMET.

HONGKONG MUNICIPAL POLICE  
S. E. REGISTRY

B. D. 26/3/41  
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Wisc. 75/41.

Chengtu Road

March

25,

41.

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9.30 a.m. - 12 noon

445 Race Course Road.

25/3/41.

255 Wei-hai-wei Road.



At 6.35 a.m. 25/3/41, during the temporary absence of the C.P.C. (taking another case to the station) on duty outside the front door of Radio Station X.W.H.A., 445 Race Course Road a P./C. C.P.C. 2165 observed two male Chinese in the act of breaking the pad-lock on the front door of these premises. He challenged the two men, who decamped. The C.P.C. gave chase and, when the fleeing men still ignored his challenge to halt, he opened fire with two shots, one of which took effect wounding one of the men, who was subsequently arrested. (Vide Ch. Rd. F.I.R. 383/41).

Apart from the fact, that the foregoing occurrence took place outside the radio station, 445 Race Course Road, there is no reason to believe that the two male Chinese had any other intention than the theft of the brass pad-lock outside the front door of the radio station. (The arrested man was found in possession of 3 brass padlocks suspected to have been stolen from other addresses).

While making enquiries at the scene in connection with the above case, it was learned that C.P.C. 2200 had picked up an unexpended round of .45 auto-pistol ammunition, which he found in a crevice, between the raised cement step and the outside front door of the

radio station at about 8.30 a.m. 28/3/41. As the only pistol used in the occurrence reported above, was a calibre .380 Colt (C.P.S. 2168's service pistol) the question arose as to the source of this round.

Mr. H.L. Healey, I.M.M.A. Radio Station Manager asserted that he felt sure the bullet was not in the spot (where it was found) the previous evening as he had examined the raised step (a flood precaution) before he left the station on the 24/3/41. Mr. Carroll Alcott was also questioned by the undersigned, as it is known that he is sometimes armed with a .45 calibre Colt. Mr. Alcott emphatically denied that he had lost a round of ammunition or that the round was his.

This round was forwarded to the Arms Identification Section for examination and a report on same will be received in due course. However, D.S.I. Swins O. i/c A.I. Sect. informed the undersigned verbally that the round was Calibre .45 Colt auto-pistol ammunition made by the Frankford Arsenal, U.S.A. 1936 and believed to be identical with a quantity of the same ammunition known to be in Mr. Alcott's possession.

It is presumed that the round in question may have been dropped by Mr. Alcott (without his knowledge) some time previously and may have been dislodged from

the dust in which it lay by the jarring of the door, whilst the two thieves were forcing the padlock on the door. This, admittedly, is pure conjecture, but appears to be the only logical explanation.

Whilst interviewing Mr. E.L. Healey at the radio station, latter informed the undersigned of an anonymous telephone message of threatening nature he had received the previous evening (24/3/41).

At 5.30 p.m. 24/3/41, Mr. Healey states he answered the telephone at the radio station, when a male foreigner, speaking good English (like an American's voice) asked to speak with the manager of the station. Mr. Healey replied that he was the station manager. The caller then said, "I want to tell you that we are going to shoot you and also Mr. Alcott". Mr. Healey says he replied, "Go ahead, we'll be waiting for you". The caller then hung up his receiver.

At 10.30 a.m. 25/3/41 Mr. C. Alcott telephoned the Officer i/c stating that he had just received information (he did not state the source) that certain persons had made plans to bomb both Radio Station XNHA and the office of the Ta Wei Wan Pao (大衛報) 255 Weihaiwei Road on the 25/3/41.



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All necessary precautionary measures in connection with both addresses were adopted and D.S. 202 Thomson with a party of detectives (D.S.I. Chen Yung Keei, C.D.S. 213 and C.D.S. 227) carried out thorough searches both inside and outside both 445 Race Course Road and 255 Weihaiwei Road without result. Police posted on duty at both addresses were reinforced and warned to be on the alert for anything suspicious.

Senior Officers informed.

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A. B. Taylor  
D. S. I.

Sen. Det. i/c.

D. O. "A"

D. D. O. "A"

Officer i/c Sp. Mr.

Supt. i/c. C. I.

U.S. Marines.

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Misc. 75/41

Chengtu Road  
March 24th,

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Please see diary.

Further to this file:

At 11.40 a.m. on March 24, 1941, Mr. C. Alcott of Radio Station X.W.H.A., 448 Race Course Road, reported to Chengtu Road Station, by telephone, that he had been the recipient of a further anonymous letter which was of a threatening nature.

On being interviewed by the undersigned Mr. Alcott stated that the letter was addressed to him at the Radio Station and came through the post at 9.45 a.m. even date. It reads:-

Mr. Alcott:

We beg to inform you that at a meeting of the Italian Fascist party in Shanghai about one week ago you were condemned and attempts will be made on your life on the pretence that insults to fascism are broadcasted by you. To protect yourself, you may inform your hearers of all this.

Italia Libera

March 20th, 1941.

The envelope bears four one-cent stamps, and was posted at the General Post Office, North Szechuen Road, on March 23, 1941.

The contents of the letter definitely indicate its source, but there is no signature or clue to the

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identity of the writer. It is typewritten on a small piece of good quality note paper which seems to bear some sort of official water mark.

This letter together with the first one received, which was written in pen and ink, are being forwarded to Headquarters for examination.

Respectfully submitted.

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*My...*  
Det. Sub-Inspector.

D. O. "A"

D. D. O. "A"

Officer i/c Sp. Br.

Supt. i/c G. I.

U. S. Marines.

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Re. attached  
may I suggest  
that a member  
of the S. B.  
be detailed to  
assist in these  
investigations.

Another Squibb  
would, I am  
sure be only too  
pleased to assist  
by obtaining  
further facts

from his wife  
Regarding

"Bochevinder"  
he is well known  
as a fortune-  
teller. He has a  
good reputation  
in this connection  
and has a  
large female  
clientele

W. H. Harrison  
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
S. B. REGISTRY

No. S. B. D. 6813.14/X 7c

Date 22-3-41

Misc. 75/41.

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Chengtu Road

March 21st,

41.

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Please see diary

At 10 a.m. 21-3-41, the undersigned interviewed Mr. C. Alcott at Radio Station X.M.H.A., 443 Race Course Road, with a view to being present during an interview between Mr. Alcott and a foreign female as referred to in diary 3. However, from Mr. Alcott it was learned that at about 8.30 p.m. 20-3-41, the female in question paid a surprise visit to the station and the interview took place. This station was not informed.

The female identified herself as Mrs. Squibb, Russian, wife of Mr. Squibb, an employee of the British Embassy Office (The Shanghai Directory gives Mr. A. T. Squibb as a naval liaison officer attached to the British Embassy Offices, 27 The Bund, and, according to the Shanghai Telephone Directory, resides at 37 Broadway Mansions, telephone No. 40731). She emphasized the fact that her husband was not aware of the interview.

Refusing to divulge the source of her information Mrs. Squibb proceeded to warn Mr. Alcott to take every precaution by means of changing his routes of travel daily; that certain Italians would make a definite attempt on his life in the near future; that his W/Car was being followed nightly and immediately a favourable



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opportunity offered, he would be shot.

Mrs. Squibb appeared to be well informed, she being able to outline recent routes taken and places visited by Mr. Alcott.

Although she refused to give the source of information, on leaving, promised to give names of persons concerned in the near future.

On arriving home later, Mr. Alcott learned from his wife that she had received a telephone call from Mrs. Squibb who asked that she not inform Mr. Alcott of the call but to request him to take every precaution in the near future, and also suggested that Mr. Alcott visit a Mr. Beckevinder, a fortune-teller, who would give all necessary information (The Shanghai Telephone Directory gives S. Beckebinder, 941 Bubbling Well Road, telephone No. 39904).

Mr. Alcott states his W/Car was not followed p.m. 20-3-41 and he will not take any further precautions other than continued change of route.

With reference to the W/Car License No. 11039 which followed Mr. Alcott's W/Car on the night of 17-3-41 (see diary 2), it is now ascertained that the number is 11059, a maroon sedan, Mr. Alcott having again seen the W/Car at 5.45 p.m. 20-3-41, proceeding west along Avenue Edward VII near the Hanking Theatre.

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Traffic Office records show that V/Car No. 11059 is owned by Cavalier G. Constantini, Italian, Attorney-at-law, residing at Apartment 1, No. 115 Route Ferguson, P.C., with an office situated at 25 Rue Ohn Pao San, P.C., telephone numbers 80977 and 82070.

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D.S. 147.

*John*  
Det. 1/c.

D. O. "A"

D. D. O. "A"

Officer 1/c Sp. Br.

Supt. 1/c. C. I.

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Chengtu Road  
March 20, 41.

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See below.

At 2 p.m. 20/3/41. Mr. C. Alcott, News Commentator over Radio Station X.W.H.A., 445 Race Course Road, came to the station and handed the Officer i/c. a letter reading as follows, which he stated, he had received through the mail on the a.m. 20/3/41.



"Dear Sir,

I know you are a stamp collector. May I offer you this new specimen from the southern part of the Axis. I shall not forget to send you the northern one as soon as I'll get it. As for the Axis itself, you may be sure you shall feel it striking on your damned bloody head in a very very near future!

Believe me, please, very sincerely and truly yours

an Italian and Fascist "Avanguardists" of Shanghai."

Mr. Alcott stated he had also received a telephone call from an unknown foreign female, who warned him that his life was in danger.

At 6 p.m. 20/3/41, the undersigned interviewed Mr. Alcott at Radio Station X.W.H.A. and learned that he had received the letter at about 9 a.m. 20/3/41 at his home, 147 Route Paul Henry, F.C. He states that the envelope has been mislaid and was probably destroyed by his house-boy. The letter contained an Italian postal stamp of 50 centesime denomination but same was not produced to the Police.

With reference to the telephone call, Mr. Alcott stated that this was received at about 12.40 p.m.



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20/3/41 at Radio Station X.M.H.A. The caller spoke in English, with an accent (possibly Russian) and told Mr. Alcott that he knew her husband, as latter often gave him information. She went on to state that Mr. Alcott was in very grave danger and urged him to change his route often, when travelling to and from the Radio Station. She advised him particularly to avoid Weihaiwei Road and said that his motor-car Lic. No. 6100 had been followed for the past four or five nights and the people responsible, meant to do him harm, when a suitable opportunity presented itself. The female, who appeared to be very sincere, said she would like an appointment with Mr. Alcott on the a.m. 21/3/41, when she would tell him more about the above. Latter said he would meet her at the Radio Station any time between 9.30 a.m. and 12 noon 21/3/41.

Arrangements will be made by the Senior Detective to have a foreign detective present during the interview.

Officer i/c Sp. R.

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Sen. Det. i/c.

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Misc. No. 75/41.      Chengtu Road      41.  
March 18th,  
2nd.

See below.

SUSPICIOUS MOVEMENTS OF M/CAR C.M.F. LIC. NO.  
11149 OUTSIDE X.M.H.A. RADIO STATION 445  
RACE COURSE ROAD ON THE NIGHT OF MARCH 18, 1941

Sir,



In connection with this file, Mr. C. Alcott, X.M.H.A. Radio Commentator, reported to the undersigned at 10.30 A.M. today - March 18, 1941 - that on the night of March 17 he was followed by a private car, which was driven by a foreigner, and contained four foreign passengers.

Mr. Alcott states that he left the X.M.H.A. Radio Station at about 10.50 p.m. on March 17; boarded his car together with his Chinese bodyguard, and instructed his Chinese chauffeur to drive him home. The car proceeded west along Weihaiwei Road, and when near Chengtu Road Mr. Alcott states he noticed a dark brown sedan, parked on the south side of Weihaiwei Road, draw out into the middle of the road and commence to follow his car. The car, according to Mr. Alcott, contained five foreigners one of whom was driving. As far as he could make out the licence number was 11039.

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Continuing Mr. Alcott added that on reaching Seymour Road he instructed his chauffeur to turn south into Seymour Road, and in order to ascertain if the car was actually following them, to turn into several side streets in the French Concession. As he suspected,

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however, no matter what turning they took, so did the car containing the foreigners.

Finally, on reaching Rue Paul Henry in the vicinity of his home Mr. Alcott instructed his chauffeur to swing his car across the roadway, thinking that if the occupants of the pursuing car were genuine they would stop. However, as the chauffeur did this the car contained the foreigners mounted the pavement - the only way they could pass without stopping - and disappeared.

As a precautionary measure when stopping his car, Mr. Alcott states that he and his bodyguard drew their pistols.

A check on W/Car Lic. No. 11039 through the Traffic Office revealed that the car licensed under that number was a Baby Austin owned by a Chinese. In view of this it is presumed that Mr. Alcott did not note the number of this dark brown sedan correctly.

Forwarded for information.

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Asst. Insp.

Officer i/c Sp.Br.

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Supt. i/c. C. I.

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SUSPICIOUS MOVEMENTS OF M/CAR C.M.F. LIC. NO.  
11149 OUTSIDE I.M.H.A. RADIO STATION 445  
RACE COURSE ROAD ON THE NIGHT OF MARCH 16, 1941

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Sir,

*16 March*  
  
On reporting off duty at 11.15 p.m. on March 16, 1941, Chinese Police Constable 1664 made a report to P.S. 25 Sevenoaks, Sergeant on duty at Chengtzu Road Station, to the effect that at 10.30 p.m., same date, whilst on duty outside the I.M.H.A. Radio Station, 445 Race Course Road, he had observed a m/car, Lic. No. 11149, driven by a foreigner, acting in a very suspicious manner in the vicinity.

Sergeant Sevenoaks submitted a report (copy attached) giving the foregoing details, and the name and address of the owner.

Subsequent to this Det. Sub-Inspector Sambrook was detailed to investigate further, with the result that the following was ascertained:

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The m/car in question, C.M.F. Lic. No. 11149, is a black four seater Chevrolet roadster, and according to Traffic Office records is owned by an Italian named Mr. P. CORIGLIANO, residing at 312 Rue du Roi Albert, French Concession.

It seems that the aforementioned constable first saw the car at 10.20 p.m. A foreigner was driving,

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whilst another foreigner sat besides him as a passenger. It passed the Radio Station from east and proceeded as far as Chungking Road corner. It then turned around and proceeded back west in the direction of Wobawk Road. Here it again turned around and proceeded past the Radio Station to Chungking Road where it stopped for about five minutes. In all, according to the constable, the car passed him six times.

Finally, the foreigners parked the car near Wobawk Road; alighted and walked along the north side of Race Course Road, past the Radio Station, in the direction of Chungking Road; returning a few minutes later on the south side. As they passed him the constable noticed that one was wearing a grey woollen overcoat and the other a grey foreign style suit.

On reaching Wobawk Road the foreigners boarded their car, just as a man, whom the constable described as being of stout build (believed to be Mr. C. Alcott), came out of the Radio Station and boarded his car. As the latter drove away in an easterly direction, the constable states that he observed the two foreigners in w/car, Lic. No. 11149, follow him.

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As there is every indication that the foreigners might have been observing the movements of Mr. Alcott, the Senior Detective i/c acquainted the latter with the above facts in full confidence.

Copy of statement made by Sergeant Bevans and J.P.C. 1664 attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

*Det. Sub-Inspector.*

Sen. Det. i/c.

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Officer i/c. Sp.Br.

Supt. i/c. C. I.

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Traffic Office.

Chengtu Road

March 17, 41.

Suspicious Movements of a W/car driven by a Foreigner, outside  
No. 445 Race Course Road (X. M. H. A.)

P.S. 25 Sevenoaks

Officer in charge.

Sir,

On 16th March 1941, I was on Charge Room  
duty from 4 p.m. to 12 midnight.

At 11.15 p.m. C.P.C. 1664 came off duty and  
reported that at about 10.30 p.m. a W/car Licence  
No. 11149 driven by a Foreigner and with another as  
a passenger had passed No. 445 Race Course Road  
(X. M. H. A.) several times for no apparent reason.  
C.P.C. 1664 was on duty outside X. M. H. A. at the time  
of the occurrence.

Through the Traffic Offices of the S.M.P. and  
French Police respectively, I ascertained the owner  
of the W/car in question to be a person named  
CORIGLIANO, Italian, residing at No. 312 Avenue du  
Roi Albert.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. S. 25.

D. O. "A"

C.P.C. 1664 attached to Chengtu Road Station.

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Between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. on March 16, 1941 I was on duty outside the front entrance of the X.M.H.A. Radio Station, 445 Race Course Road.

At about 10.20 p.m., same date, I observed a small black sedan w/car, Lic. No. 11149, containing two foreigners, proceeding east to west along Race Course Road. At Chungking Road corner it turned around and proceeded back east to Mohawk Road. Here it again turned around and proceeded passed the radio station back to Chungking Road corner where it stopped for about five minutes. It then turned back to Mohawk Road, and in all made six trips passed the radio station. Finally, it stopped at Mohawk Road and the two foreign occupants, one dressed in grey woollen overcoat, and the other in a grey foreign style suit, alighted and walked along the North side of Race Course Road, passed the radio station, to Chungking Road. They returned on the south side and re-entered their car just as a heavy built foreigner came out of the X.M.H.A. Radio Station and entered his car. I observed the latter drive away in an easterly direction followed by the two foreigners in w/car Lic. No. 11149.

Sd. C.P.C. 1664.



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S.S.D. Court.

This case came up for hearing before the S.S.D. Court (Judge Liu) on the a.m. 28-3-41 when, after the evidence had been heard, the case was remanded until the a.m. 10-4-41 for trial.

With reference to the remarks of the D. O. "A" on Diary I. The accused was conveyed to the Paulun Hospital as, investigating detectives believed he was mortally wounded and the only chance of saving his life depended on immediate medical attention. For this reason, D.O. Maraden gave instructions that accused be taken to the Paulun Hospital rather than the Police Hospital, where the journey might have resulted in an immediate fatality.

The accused was briefly questioned in the Paulun Hospital on the p.m. 28-3-41 and admitted that he together with another kadhand-hawker were attempting to steal the brass lock from 445 Race Course Road when they were interrupted by the arrival of the P/O. C.P.O. He also admitted that the other three pad-locks, found in his possession were stolen, but was unable to recall (due to his weakened condition) from what places. Questioned as to the name and address of his accomplice he mumbled something unintelligible, but nodded when the named Yeang ("F") was suggested to him. He said his wife knew the man.

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At 8.15 a.m. 27-3-41 a telephone message was received from the Paulun Hospital reporting that Tsai Sien Lung ( '朱秀林' ) had died of his wounds at 7.45 a.m. 27-3-41.

The body has been removed to the Public Mortuary where an inquest will be held on the a.m. 28-3-41. The wife of deceased and all witnesses have been warned to attend.

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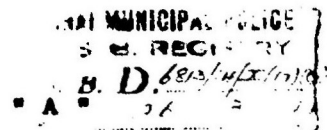
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Chengtu Road

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6.50a.m.-5.00p.m.

25/3/41.

Detective Office; Mohawk  
Road near Race Course Road;  
445 Race Course Road; Paulum  
Hospital; Lo-ka-wei Station,  
F.P.; 856 Rue A. Bayle, 2nd  
hand-stalls Rue Bluntschli.

Front door of X.M.H.A. Radio Station, 445 Race  
Course Road.

6.35 a.m. 25/3/41.

6.47 a.m. 25/3/41.

Mr. E.L. Healey, American, Radio Station Manager,  
445 Race Course Road.

Two male Chinese. (One arrested, detained in  
hospital)

- (1) Tsai Siau Zung ( ), 37, Anhwei,  
W/2nd hand-hawker, 856 Rue Amiral Bayle.
- (2) Tsang ( ), age about 30. No further  
particulars available.

One by Uniform and Detective Staff.

Nil.

Nil.

Above described used an iron bar with which  
they prised open the hamp of a pad-lock on the  
front door of the premises.

Inquiries by D.S.I. Taylor and D.S. 192

At 6.47 a.m. 25-3-41, P./C. G.P.C. 2165 telephoned to the station (Street Tel. Box 3, Mohawk Road, Avenue Edward VII) reporting that he had just shot one of two male Chinese, whom he had observed attempting to break into Radio Station X.M.H.A. 445 Race Course Road and who had decamped when he challenged them.

The S.S.S. Emergency Ambulance was immediately despatched to the scene. D.S. 147 Worsen, P.S. 364 Zalley and D.S. 192 attended and made initial enquiries which revealed the following details.

At 6.55 a.m. 25-3-41, P./C. G.P.C. 2165 was patrolling West along the North side of Race Course Road, when he observed two male Chinese on the South side of the road at the entrance of Radio Station X.M.H.A. 445 Race Course Road. The men were apparently trying to break into the premises as one of them was armed with an iron bar with which they were forcing the pad-lock on the front door.

It should here be explained, that the premises of Radio Station X.M.H.A. at 445 Race Course Road are under special Police protection in connection with the numerous threats received by the foreign personnel of this radio station. It was merely a coincidence that the G.P.C. on duty at the front entrance of the premises was absent from his post (taking another case to the station) at the time the two thieves selected to break into the premises.

However, the plain clothes G.P.C. (2165) was

unaware of the reason for the uniform N.P.C.s absence from his post and, seeing the two men attempting to break into the premises immediately drew his pistol and challenged the men.

The latter disappeared in the westerly direction along Race Course Road and the P./C. N.P.C. crossed the road in pursuit. He called on the men, several times to halt also warning them that he would open fire if they failed to stop however they continued to run. As they were about to reach the end of Race Course Road, N.P.C. 2165 fired one shot at the runner but, as this had no effect, he fired another shot wounding one of the men.

He continued to run, turning south into Mohawk Road where he was intercepted by C.D.C. 84 (Yangtsepooh) who reported to be proceeding North on Mohawk Road and saw the two men running. P./C. C.P.C. 2165 then left the injured man in custody of C.D.C. 84 whilst he went to Mohawk Road, Avenue Edward VII intersection to telephone to the station.

Meanwhile C.P.C.s 1208 and 2939, who had been on duty at the rear entrance of 445 Race Course Road (located inside Lane 429 Race Course Road) had arrived on the scene but the other man had already made good his escape into the French Concession. The arrested man was found in possession of 3 brass pad-locks.

apparently stolen from some other addresses.

Prior to his removal in the ambulance, detectives questioned the wounded man but, owing to his semi-conscious condition, could only learn his name which he stated was Tsai ( ) and address: 856 Rue Amiral Bayle, P.C.

He was placed in the ambulance and, escorted by P.S. Malley and C.P.C. 2108, removed to the Paulus Hospital where he was admitted and detained. The following medical certificate was issued :-

"Bullet wounds. The bullet entered in the region of the buttocks and penetrated through the abdomen, forcing out and expelling the bowels."

The undersigned and C.D.S. 192 continued enquiries and, with the assistance of the French Police, proceeded to 856 Rue Amiral Bayle which was found to be a small tailor shop. None of the inmates knew of anyone with the name of Tsai, who resided in the house. However, one of the tailors, Wei Kung Yoong ( ) consented to accompany detectives to try and identify the person.

On visiting the Paulus Hospital, the tailor recognised the patient as a 2nd hand-hawker (name unknown) who, with his wife, occupied a 1st floor left room at 856 Rue A. Bayle. Subsequently, detectives located the injured man's wife, Tsai Yee Sz ( )

who was also taken to the Paulun Hospital and there identified the patient as her husband:- Tsai Sien Zung ( ) 37, Anhwei, W/2nd hand-hawker, 856 Rue A. Bayle.

Further questioning of the female obtained the information that her husband had left home at about 5.30 a.m. (25/3/41) in company with another 2nd hand-hawker named Tsang ( ). She further stated that her husband and Tsang always worked together and, that for the past 3 or 4 mornings, <sup>had</sup> ~~she~~ gone out in the early morning. She could furnish no information as to Tsang's address but stated he could usually be located at the end of Rue Bluntschli or in company with other 2nd hand-hawkers on this thoroughfare.

Detectives accompanied the female on a tour of places frequented by 2nd hand-hawkers on Rue Bluntschli F.C. in an effort to arrest Tsang but without success, this man apparently having avoided his usual haunts.

A further visit to the Paulun Hospital found the injured man still in a semi-conscious state and the attending physician said his condition was critical and likely to prove fatal. The patient's finger-prints were secured and the Dr. handed over the bullet which had penetrated through the man's abdomen and was found

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in his clothes.

D.P.S. 83 Cockburn took the two cartridge cases (found at the scene) and the spent bullet to the Arms Identification Section, together with C.P.C. 2165's service pistol (S.M.P. No. 1638) for examination. A report on the result will be received in due course.

The accused's finger-prints were also forwarded to the Finger Print Bureau where it was found they had the following previous record :-

Attd. Larceny. Forty days' detention 4/5/36 C.320/36  
Released 10/6/36.

As it is apparent the accused and his accomplice were attempting to commit theft (possibly only the theft of the brass pad-lock) when they were observed breaking the lock at 445 Race Course Road; the accused has been charged accordingly. The charge sheets will be sent to the Court on the a.m. 26/3/41 for endorsement and a remand requested.

Regarding the Police on night duty at the scene of the crime. Three C.P.C.'s were posted as follows :-  
C.P.C. 3010 on duty at the front door 445 Race Course Road, C.P.C.'s 1208 and 2939 on duty at the back door of the radio station, located inside Lane 429 Race Course Road (approached from Changking Road). The



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latter were at their posts and ran around to Race Course Road on hearing the shots fired but arrived too late to take any part in the action.

C.P.C. 3010 who was supposed to be on guard at the front entrance had arrested a male Chinese on Race Course Road at 5.10 a.m. 25/3/41 and left his post to take this man to the station, where latter was subsequently charged with larceny by climbing (F.I.R. 352/41). Nevertheless, it is readily apparent that C.P.C. 3010 spent more time in the station, than was required for the job in hand, as he did not return to his post until after 6.40 a.m. 25/3/41 when the shooting occurred. On the instructions of the D.C. (Divisions) C.P.C. 3010 has been posted as a defaulter.

Statements of P/C C.P.C. 2165, C.P.C.'s 1208, 2939 and 3010 are attached to this file.

Enquiries proceeding.

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*A. C. Taylor*  
D. S. I.

*Sen. Det. 1/c.*

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Officer i/c Sp. Br.

C.P.C. 2165 Jau Zau Yui, states as follows:-

Between 11 p.m. 24-3-41 and 7 a.m. 25-3-41, I was detailed for duty in plain clothes, patrolling Race Course Road.

At about 6.35 a.m. 25-3-41, as I was patrolling West along Race Course Road on the North side of the roadway, I observed two male Chinese who were in the act of forcing open the front door of No. 44B Race Course Road, the premises of X.W.H.A. Radio Station.

I immediately drew out my service pistol, and warned them not to move. However they ignored my warning, and ran East (on Race Course Road) in order to make their escape. I chased after them and at the same time shouted to them that if they continued to run, I would open fire, but neither of them paid any attention.

Observing that they were about to turn into Nehawk Road and being afraid that they would succeed in making good their escape, I was obliged to fire a shot as a last warning. They still failed to stop so I fired a 2nd shot which took effect, hitting one of the men.

The injured man was stopped by C.D.C. 84 (attached to Yangtzepoo Station) near house No. 61 Nehawk Road, whilst his accomplice made good his escape. I left the injured man in the care of the above C.D.C. and proceeded to the Nehawk Rd.-Ave Rd. VII Street Telephone box, where I telephoned to the station to report the case.

A few moments later, a party of Police arrived and the injured man was removed to the hospital in an ambulance.

Three pad-locks were found on the person of the arrested person.

Signed:-

C.P.C. 1208 attached to Chengtu Road Station.

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25-3-41

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Clerk Weng.

C.P.C. 1208 attached to Chengtu Road Station, states as follows:-

At 11 p.m. 24-3-41, C.P.C.s 2939, 3010 and I were detailed for night duty at the X.M.H.A. Radio Station, No. 143 Race Course Road.

Between 11 p.m. 24-3-41 and 3 a.m. 25-3-41, I was on duty outside the front entrance of the premises (on Race Course Road. From 3 a.m. 25-3-41 I was on duty outside the back door (in Lane 122 Race Course Road).

At about 6.35 a.m. 25-3-41, I suddenly heard the sound of two pistol shots. In company with C.P.C. 2939 I immediately ran to Race Course Road. I saw a male Chinese lying on Wohawk Road near Race Course Road, he having been brought down by Plain Clothes C.P.C. 2165.

I stood by on the scene, until the arrival of the ambulance, when I escorted the injured man to the Hospital.

The above is my true statement.

Signed:- C.P.C. 1208.

C.P.C. 2939 attached to Chengtu Road Station,

Ch. Rd. Stn.

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Clerk Teng.

C.P.C. 2939 attached to Chengtu Road Police Station.  
states as follows:-

At 11 p.m. 24-3-41, C.P.C.s 1208, 3010 and I were  
detailed for night duty at the M.V.H.A. Radio Station, No.  
445 Race Course Road.

Between 11 p.m. 24-3-41 and 3 a.m. 25-3-41, I was  
on duty outside the front entrance of the premises (on  
Race Course Road) whilst from 3 a.m. I was on duty outside  
the back entrance (in Lane 429 Race Course Road).

At 5.35 a.m. 25-3-41, I suddenly heard two pistol shots.  
I and C.P.C. 1208 immediately ran to Race Course Road and  
observed 3 male Chinese having been shot down by Plain  
Clothes C.P.C. 2165 on Woburn Road near the corner of Race  
Course Road.

We remained on the scene until the arrival of the  
ambulance, when we escorted the injured person to the  
hospital.

The above is my true statement. Signed C.P.C. 2939.

C.P.C. 3010 Jung Kwang Hoo,

Ch. Rd. Stn.

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Clerk Wong.

C.P.C. 3010 Jung Kwang Hoo states as follows:-

Between 11 p.m. 24-3-41 and 7 a.m. 25-3-41, C.P.C.s 1208, 2539 and I were detailed for duty at No. 445 Race Course Road, the C.W.H.A. Radio Station.

Between 11 p.m. 24-3-41 and 7 a.m. 25-3-41, I was on duty outside the back door of the premises (Lane 429 Race Course Road) and from 7 a.m. I started to be on duty outside the front entrance (on Race Course Road).

At 5.10 a.m. 25-3-41, I observed a male Chinese carrying several articles of clothing in his hand. As his actions appeared to be suspicious, I took him in custody and brought him to the station.

Later I accompanied the Chinese detective to No. 372 Race Course Road, where the complainant was located, and we returned to the station. I then went to the lavatory to relieve myself.

It was 5.25 a.m. or later that I started to return to No. 445 Race Course Road, in order to carry on my duty, but en-route, whilst walking on Race Course Road, I heard the sound of pistol shots. I immediately ran to Mohawk Road, and there I observed a male Chinese having been brought down, and saw plain clothes C.P.C. 2165 on the scene.

The above statement is true.

Signed:- C.P.C. 3010.

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Two male Japanese visit Radio Station K.M.H.A.  
445 Race Course Road.

Inquiries at the Traffic Office, Headquarters, reveals that V/Cer Licence No. 4518 is the property of the Shanghai Nianichi Shinbun (a Japanese newspaper), 1 Thorne Road, Telephone No. 42394.

A conversation with Mr. Johnstone, above Radio Station, revealed that the two Japanese (one carrying a "press" camera) came to the door of the Radio Station almost at the end of the "Three French" programme - a few minutes before Mr. Carol Alcott was due to go on the air with his late news broadcast.

The door of the Radio Station was opened by a French man (name not disclosed) who, on seeing the Japanese outside, shut the door, after which the photograph was taken outside.

Later that night Mr. Johnstone received two telephone calls at the Radio Station from Japanese (presumed to be reporters) who, speaking in English, asked if Mr. Alcott had already left for America; if he was in the studio at that time and if it was possible to arrange an interview and take photographs within the studio. Mr. Johnstone informed them that he was the only person in the Radio Station at that time and informed them that if they required an interview to visit



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the station at 10 a.m. 10-8-41. They did not appear  
but the conversations were reported on <sup>in</sup> the Japanese  
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J. Hanson,  
D.S. 147.

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Sen. Det. 1/c.

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Officer 1/c. p.Br.

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Two male Japanese visit Radio Station  
X.M.H.A., 445 Race Course Road.

At 10.45 p.m. 9/8/41, a telephone message was received from C.P.C. 1034 (on duty at X.M.H.A. Radio Station, 445 Race Course Road) to the effect that two male Japanese in plain clothes were taking flashlight photographs of above Radio Station from M/Car Licence No. 4518.

At 10.53 p.m. 9/8/41, a telephone message was received from Mr. Johnstone, above Radio Station, to the effect that two male Japanese in plain clothes and carrying a parcel tried to enter the Radio Station but were prevented by C.P.C. 1034. They then took a flashlight photograph of the Station and departed in M/Car Licence No. 4518.

At 11 p.m. 9/8/41, C.P.C. 1034 came to the detective office to report the affair. He stated that at about 10.12 p.m. 9/8/41, M/Car Licence No. 4518, driven by a Chinese, proceeded from East to West along Race Course Road and stopped outside the Radio Station. Two Japanese alighted, crossed the pavement and knocked on the door of the Radio Station.

The door of the Radio Station was opened by a foreigner, the Japanese asking for an Englishman. A few words in English were exchanged and the foreigner



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shut the door, apparently refusing admission, whereupon the Japanese, one of whom was carrying a camera, stepped back to the curb and focused the camera.

Realizing that a photograph was about to be taken C.P.C. 1034 attempted to prevent same by standing in front of the camera. However, one of the Japanese pushed the C.P.C. away, a flashlight photograph was taken and the Japanese got into the X/Car, which had turned round, and drove away to East, they having been at the scene approximately five minutes.

As soon as the photograph was taken, C.P.C. 1034 knocked at the door of the Radio Station. However, he was some considerable time in obtaining admission and explaining to the foreigner that some thirty minutes were wasted before he telephoned this station.

When detectives eventually were able to visit the Radio Station the staff had left. However, further inquiries will be made 10/8/41.

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Sen. Det. i/c.

  
D.S. 147.  
C.D.S. 213.

D. D. O. "A"

Officer i/c, Sp. Br.

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

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SUBJECT:

Radio Station XCDN.  
changed to "X.G.D.N."

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Memorandum.POLICE FORCE,  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, 99-9-1941

To \_\_\_\_\_

MR. SKELPER, MANAGER,  
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THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MORE  
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VIA EASTERS INFORMED.



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OPERATING 11829 KCS STOP DELHI OPERATING ON 11830  
KCS RESULTING SERIOUS INTERFERENCE BETWEEN OUR  
RESPECTIVE STATIONS STOP PLEASE CHECK AND ADJUST  
WILL MEASURE YOU AGAIN AND CABLE - CEBROCAST -

with any enquiry respecting this telegram

## RADIO FLASH

September 11th, 1941

### **No! It's Not A Mistake**

Ten days ago XCDN's overwrought staff admitted defeat and announced the station would be off the air for a weekend. This was not according to the plan which laid down uninterrupted broadcasting through and despite the turmoil of the installation of short-wave (it had been installed earlier but there were still finishing touches to be added) and the removal of the studios to a new location. A period of silence was declared and technicians at work on the control panel heaved a sigh of relief, able at last to fit gadgets and unravel acres of wire without falling over shoosh-ing announcers at every turn.

The new studios opened, bright painted nameplate on the door. Immediately came a chorus of "What? G? Surely a misprint!" Truth would out; after over a year's operation on medium wave, it had suddenly occurred to the experts that XG—was a Mexican call-sign. China's official allocation is from XG—and on. This had not mattered much so long as the station was audible locally only, but the coming of short-wave conjured up visions of radio tangles and misunderstandings in the Antilles, Antipodes and what-have-you if we continued to wear the Mexican disguise. So XCDN became a thing of the past. The temptation to have XVVV was great but the vision of an announcer trying to enunciate the three V's clearly put the idea out of court. XGDN was the closest phonetic approximation to the old call-sign.

XCDN hail and farewell! XGDN is calling!

FILE

October 2

40.

C. M. Skepper, Esq.,  
Station Supt.,  
X.C.D.N.,  
425 Cathay Hotel.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 30, 1940, in which you enquire for subscription rates in respect of translations made by the Shanghai Municipal Police of news appearing in newspapers printed in the Chinese language. In reply, I have to inform you that the translations are made in the Council's interests only and copies are not sold or distributed for general use.

Yours faithfully,

*R. G. Y.*  
Deputy Commissioner of Police  
(Special Branch)

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Yours faithfully,

Yes



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if you agree with  
the draft being sent  
please

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DC (Sp. 1)

You might tell X  
to keep quiet about them  
copies as we may be forced  
to close down on them

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PRIVATE PERSONS TO WHOM COPIES OF  
NEWSPAPER TRANSLATIONS ARE SENT.

G. E. Mitchell, Esq.,  
Messrs Butterfield & Swire, Ltd.,  
French Bung.

The Times (London),  
Room 2, 6th Floor,  
34 Ave Edward VII.

W. P. Rial, Esq.,  
Engineer-in-chief & Manager,  
Shanghai Waterworks Co, Ltd.

The Manager,  
Shanghai Electric Construction Co, Ltd.  
Soochow Road.

J. H. Wilson, Esq.,  
Shanghai Telephone Co,  
232 Kiangse Road.

Mr. J. Yoki,  
931 Gordon Road.

Mr. T. Funatsu,  
The Japanese Cotton Mill Owner's Ass'n.

R. N. Swann, Esq.,  
Beck and Swann.  
N. China Building,  
17 The Bund.

Mr. K. Kuroda,  
Managing Director,  
Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co, Ltd.,  
1970 Yangtszepoo Road.

K. Takagishi, Esq.,  
Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai,  
288 Tiending Road.

L. M. Pharis, Esq.,  
General Manager,  
Shanghai Power Co.

George Leonof, Esq.,  
The China Press, X  
160 Ave Edward VII.

Mr. A.A. Goldberg, X  
The Shanghai Times,  
160 Ave Edward VII.

Mr. Hallett Abend,  
706 Wayfoong House,  
220 Szechuen Road.



XCDN

TELEPHONES  
OFFICE 11340-23  
STUDIO 13786

"The Voice of Democracy"

WAVE LENGTH 1440 K.C. FREQUENCY 206M.

P.O. BOX 400  
SHANGHAI

425 Jathay Hotel,  
September 30, 1940.

Shanghai Municipal Police,  
185 Foochow Road,  
Shanghai.

Dear Sirs,

RE POLICE TRANSLATION SERVICE OF  
SHANGHAI CHINESE LANGUAGE PRESS.

Would you be kind enough to send me the terms  
of subscription to this Service and if possible, one or  
two back copies so that I may judge whether the Service  
would be of value to this Station.

Yours truly,

*C. M. Skepper*

C. M. Skepper,  
Station Supt.

CMS/JLU

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. ....

Section I, Special Branch.

## REPORT

Date July 16, 1940. 16/19 40. 140

Subject (in full) North China Daily News Broadcasting Station - Situation.

Made by D. S. I. MacAdie. Forwarded by D. I. Crawford.

The North China Daily News Broadcasting Station, call sign X.C.D.N., wavelength K.C.1340, 17 The Bund, which closed down sometime ago to effect repairs, is now making trial broadcasts between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. on a wavelength of K.C. 1440, formerly used by the Anglo-Chinese Broadcasting Station. The North China Daily News Station will formally open on Wednesday, July 17, using a power of 1 kilowatt.

D. S. I.

D. C. ( Special Branch ).

## **XMHD**

**Wavelength 395    Frequency 760**

*The "North-China Daily News" resumed broadcasting its news summaries over the above station yesterday at 12.30 and 9 p.m. and will continue at these times as hitherto.*

*The Management regret the enforced closure of the Station for the past week, which has been rendered necessary to give it a thorough overhaul.*

**Listen In Today At 12.30 & 9.**

## **XMHD**

**Wavelength 395    Frequency 760**

*The "North-China Daily News" has resumed broadcasting its news summaries over the above station at 12.45 and 9 p.m. and will continue at these times as hitherto.*

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date May 14, 1940.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
S. E. REGISTRY

File No. N. S. & D. 6813/14/K. 12-16  
Station

Subject (in full) North China Daily News - commences broadcasting.

Made by D. S. I. MacAdie. Forwarded by D. I. Crawford.

The North China Daily News Broadcasting Station, K.C.D.N., 17 The Bund, has re-commenced trial broadcasts on a wavelength of 225 metres (K.C.1335 approximately) instead of K.C.1320 as originally used. This latter wavelength it will be recalled was adopted by the Ling Sing Broadcasting Station, K.L.H.O., 819 Hanking Road, now known as the Din Sing Broadcasting Station, on May 1.

Commr. of Police  
S. I.  
Information

D. C. (S. 8-14)

D. S. I.

D. C. ( Special Branch ).



SHANGHAI TIMES.

## ALLIED BROADCAST OVER XCDN

### B. R. A. Protest Stopping Of Medical Supplies To Hankow British

At the regular fortnightly meeting of the General Committee of the British Residents' Association of China held on Tuesday afternoon, reference was made to the recent establishment of an Allied Federation Committee to consolidate allied activities in Shanghai, especially publicity, and to cement the bond of union between the allies.

In this connection it was mentioned that there would be an allied broadcast over station XCDN commencing at 7.40 p.m., today. The Chairman of the B.R.A. was nominated to represent the Association on the Federation Committee.

Information had been received from Hankow that owing to the refusal of the Japanese authorities to permit shipment of essential supplies, the Hankow Dispensary Ltd. had been obliged to close down. The Hankow Dispensary Ltd. is the only British concern of its kind in that port, and its closure creates a serious situation for the British community, being a direct menace to health. The matter is to be taken up in the proper quarters.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 6813/14/8

S.I., Special Branch

REPORT

Date May 30, 1940.

Subject North China Daily News - Broadcasting Station  
- activities.

Made by D.S.I. Macadie Forwarded by D.I. Crawford

Further to report on the North China Daily News Broadcasting Station, X C D N, K.C. 1320, 27 The Bund, this Station which was engaged in trial broadcasts went off the air on April 27 following persistent interference.

According to Mr. Davis, Secretary and Manager of the North China Daily News & Herald Ltd., this step was taken after consultation with British Embassy officials. A protest has been cabled to the British Ambassador to China in Chungking and results are at present awaited. It is reported that the interference emanates from the same source responsible for "Jamming" X M H A, American owned station at 445 Race Course Road, which is said to be a transmitter located at the rear of the Astor House Hotel and operated by a certain section of the Japanese Military.

Mr. Davis also revealed that on March 24 he was in receipt of a letter from Major Asano, in charge of the Broadcasting Superintendent's Office, Hardoon Building, Wankang Road, asking him whether it was true that he intended to operate a broadcasting station on K.C.1320 and stating that if this were true he must be under a misunderstanding as it was necessary for all stations to register with the Japanese Broadcasting Superintendent's Office. The letter concluded by informing Mr. Davis that in any

Comm. of Police.  
S.I.  
Information.

D.C. (Sp. B.)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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case there were no wave lengths available for allotment and instructed him to cease broadcasting if same had been commenced. Mr. Davis replied to Major Asano referring him to the British Consular Authorities who have issued a licence for the operation of the Station.

It is interesting to note that in the original specimen radio station licences issued by H.B.M. Consulate there appeared a clause which stipulated that the licensee must register with the local Broadcasting Superintendent's Office, which in the case of Shanghai is the Japanese controlled office. This clause does not appear in the licence issued to the North China Daily News Station.

Mr. Davis promised to keep in touch with this office and report further development.

R. W. H.  
D.S.I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

(Vide File No.  
D.6813/14/X(O)  
attached)

\* Request  
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see "China Notice"  
of 14.12.39  
"Wireless Transmission  
(Control) Regulations, 1939"  
Appendix "A", page 2.  
attached to D 6813/14/X(O)  
clipped on 12.1.40

HONGKONG PRESS

APR 27 1940

**Temporary Schedule**  
**British Radio**  
**Station Here**  
**Goes Off Air**

The new British broadcasting station here, which was the object of concerted interference by a rival station, went off the air completely yesterday, although officials declared that the interference was not the cause of the temporary closing-down.

"Organization" was given as the reason why the station did not broadcast yesterday. "The station is still in an embryonic stage," it was said, "and various changes must be made after the trial period during which it was on the air."

Station XMHD was not interfered with yesterday or the day before. Reports printed in yesterday's edition were erroneous, reference being made instead to the new British station, which has not yet been given a name or call-letters.

The rival station which blotted out the new British station's programs was believed by informed quarters to be located in Hongkew. No interference with the American-owned station, XMHA, has been noted for several days, although this station was the original target in the "radio war."

*Lin*  
*Q-1*



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Shanghai Municipal Police  
Headquarters.

Date April 25, 1940.

P. A.

For information of D.C. (S/B), the Radio Interference  
which has been noticed on the frequency of Station XMHA

(600 KC), was switched to Station XCDN (1320 KC) on the

24th inst.

*The north China's new station*

No interference was evident on XMHA.

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in mind*



*b. P.  
D.C. (Sp. B.)*

*(Signature)*

*(Signature)*  
Officer i/c. C.C.R.

CHINA PRESS

APR 26 1941

*Programs Blotted Out*  
**XMHD Is Now  
Object Of  
Interference**

Interference with radio stations in Shanghai yesterday spread to XMHD, Shanghai Christian Broadcasting Association station at 128 Museum Road. Many of the broadcasts in the morning and afternoon were blotted out entirely for Shanghai listeners.

Meanwhile, no interference at all with the American-owned station, XMHA, was reported, although its broadcasts were the original target of persons who attempted to halt reception here.

The interference with XMHD, as in the case of XMHA, was believed to have originated in Hongkew. A rival radio station situated somewhere in that area allegedly is trying to jam news broadcasts especially, since these might be held to be "anti-Japanese."

No other reason seems to be known for the interference with XMHD. However, the 9 p.m. news program was not jammed last night.

Action in the form of protests to the Japanese Consulate-General here might be taken, it was believed, following the lead of the officials of XMHA, who filed a protest with the American Consulate-General, which made representations with the Japanese Consul. The North-China Daily News, British-owned newspaper, uses XMHD for several news programs during the day, but it was not known yesterday whether the British authorities would be appealed to.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

S. B. BRANCH

No. S. B. D. 6813/14/X

S. 1, Special Branch

Date

April 26, 1940.

REPORT

Subject North China Daily News - broadcasting station established.

Made by D.S.I. MacArie Forwarded by D. I. Crawford

Reference Special Branch report dated March 5, 1940 regarding the proposed establishment of a radio broadcasting station by the "North China Daily News", 17 The Bund, the construction of the station has been completed and it is now making trial broadcasts at the following times :-

11.30 a.m. to 12.30 a.m.	Chinese
12.30 to 1.30 p.m.	English (News at 12.45 p.m.)
6.30 to 7.30 p.m.	Chinese
7.30 to 9.30 p.m.	English (News at 9 p.m.)

The particulars of this new station are as follows :-

Call sign:	X.C.D.N.
Wavelength:	1320 k.c. or 227 metres
Power:	1 kilowatt
Location:	North China Daily News Offices, 17 The Bund.

D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch).

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

No. S. D. D. 6813/14/X(2)  
Date 14 8 40

**NCDN Undecided  
To Build Radio  
Station Again**

**T**HE question of the North-China Daily News running its own radio station is still "in, not on the air" the Shanghai Evening Post was informed this morning.

Persistent reports in Shanghai to the effect that the senior British morning paper was once again to own a transmitter were due to the fact that NCDN had been considering such a move for the past year or so, but was still doubtful on the matter.

NCDN owned and operated its own station some 15 years ago. At present it is giving daily news broadcasts from the transmitter of XMHD, the Christian Broadcasting Association station.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. ....

S. 1, Special Branch *Subd. 1*

REPORT

Date *APR 5* 19 40.

Subject (in full) *Radio Station : Frequency K.C. 1320 taken over by "North China Daily News".*

Made by *D.S.I. Logan* Forwarded by *D. I. Crawford*

With reference to the attached letter dated February 28, 1940, from the North China Daily News and Herald Ltd., intimating that Frequency K.C. 1320, has been taken over by the said concern and that application is being made to H.B. L. Consul-General for necessary registration, a further report will be submitted immediately full details are available.

*Logan*  
D. S. I.

D. C. (Special branch).

ORIGINAL POLICE  
S. B. REGISTRY  
No. S. B. D. 6813/14/1 (41)  
February 29, 1940 2 3 40  
Date

D.C. (Special Branch)

Sir,

Enquiries re vacant wave lengths.

On the 26th February an enquiry through the Commissioner of Police was received for vacant radio wave lengths, and from subsequent enquiries it was found that K.C. 1320 was not in use at the present time. On February 27th Mr. Brown of Globe Wireless was interviewed at Headquarters and given all particulars regarding the owners of this wave length and he intimated that negotiations would commence at once as this wave length met with their requirements.

On February 29th, the attached letter addressed on the envelope to Inspector Crawford was received at Special Branch confirming the transfer and use of K.C. 1320 by the North China Daily News.

Thanks



L.P. Sir,  
Information.

R.D. Forbes.

D. 1/1/40

Postal Address:  
P.O. Box 707 SHANGHAI

TELEGRAMS: HERALD SHANGHAI

NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS & HERALD LTD.

THE NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS  
THE NORTH-CHINA SUNDAY NEWS  
THE NORTH-CHINA HERALD (WEEKLY)  
ESTABLISHED 1880

No. S. B. D. 6813/14/18 44

SHANGHAI

February 28, 1940

The Commissioner of Police,  
185 Foochow Road,  
Shanghai.

Dear Sir,

RADIO STATION

This is to advise you that this Company has applied for registration as an authorized Broadcasting Station operating on a frequency of 1320 kc. (227 metres), with a modulation of 80 to 100 per cent. and a power of 1 k.w. Application is being made to His Majesty's Consul-General for the necessary registration, advice of which will be supplied to you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

*R. W. H. H. H.*

Secretary and Manager  
North-China Daily News & Herald Ltd.

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April 4,

C. A. Geist, Esq.,  
~~Radio City Service,~~  
1849, Bubbling Well Road.

Sir :

XERO BROADCASTING STATION.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your  
letter dated March 31, 1938, the contents of which  
have been duly noted.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CHY/.

Commissioner of Police.





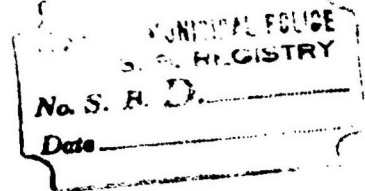
# RADIO CITY SERVICE

TEL. 37220

1249 BUBBLING WELL ROAD

SHANGHAI, CHINA.

Acknowledged, form **D**  
General Reg. 1 / 4 / 1938



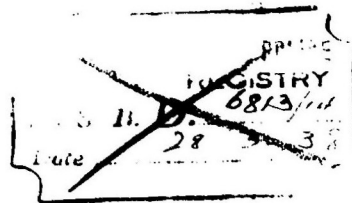
The Commissioner of Police  
Shanghai International Area  
Shanghai

My Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 28 March, 1938,  
(56813/I4/IX) please be advised that the registration  
of my broadcasting station with the American Consulate  
General has this date been completed. The frequency of  
the station will be 570 kilocycles, and the call letters  
XERC. The transmitter will be located at 1249 Bubbling  
Well Road

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

*Charles A. Geist*  
Charles A. Geist



March

28

38.

C. A. Geist, Esq.,  
Radio City Service,  
1249 Bubbling Well Road.

Sir,

Radio Broadcast.

In reply to your note dated March 19, 1938,  
I am informed you intend to register your Station at  
the American Consulate-General. As soon as this has  
been successfully completed, will you kindly inform  
me accordingly and report for record your wave length,  
code signal and location of Station.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) F. W. Gerrard

Commissioner of Police.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 1111

S.1, Special Branch  
REPORT

REG.

Date March 28, 1938.

Subject (in full) Registration of a radio broadcasting station  
established by one C.A. Geist

Made by D.S. Larby

Forwarded by

C. G. G. G. G. G.

With regard to the remarks of the Deputy  
Commissioner (Special Branch) appended to the attached  
Special Branch Report dated March 23, 1938, it is now  
learned that C.A. Geist will register the proposed  
broadcasting station at the American Consulate-General.  
if the Municipal Council consider this procedure  
necessary.

H. J. Larby.  
D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch).



SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.I. Specials Branch

REPORT

Date March 23, 1938.

Subject Communications dated March 16 & 19 respectively from one, C.A. Geist regarding the establishment of a radio broadcasting station.

Made by D.S. Larby

Forwarded by

No. S. D. D.

Date

With reference to the request of one Clyde A. Geist for authority to open a radio broadcasting station, it is learned that this individual is an American citizen, registered at the American Consulate-General, born on January 27, 1905, and is the possessor of an American passport No. 462482 issued in Washington.

In July 1937, Geist retired from the U.S. Navy after sixteen years service and subsequently became attached to the U.S. Naval Reserve. Following his resignation from the Navy, Geist returned to Shanghai which he had visited on numerous occasions during the course of his naval service on August 7, since which date he has resided at 1280 Avenue Road, living with a Cantonese girl to whom he refers as his wife. From the above address, Geist has very successfully operated an amateur radio station and it is worthy of note that during the period of the Sino-Japanese hostilities in the Shanghai area, this station was responsible for the transmitting of many messages to places as far afield as Manila, as many local residents can testify.

On February 22, 1938, Geist opened a shop for a radio repair service located at 1249 Bubbling Well Road under the name of Radio City Service. In the running of this business, Geist is assisted by one Russian radio mechanic whose name has not yet been ascertained.

With regard to the radio broadcasting station, call sign XERC, it is learned that Geist hopes to have this in operation by the end of May, 1938, though he has not as yet

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decided where the station will be located. The apparatus used in the proposed station, the undersigned has been reliably informed, will be of a type more modern than any at present functioning in Shanghai, while, as noted in his letter dated March 19, frequency and power input will be respectively 550 Kilocycles and 150 Watts; these two figures, however, Geist is prepared to adjust in any way that the Municipal Council may deem desirable.

The nature of the broadcasts will primarily consist of ~~the~~ gramophone music etc. interspersed with the customary advertising matter. Particular emphasis is laid by Geist on the fact that no transmission on matters of a political nature will take place as he fully realises that this would meet with the disapproval of both the American Naval and Consular Authorities.

Regarding Clyde A. Geist, nothing of a detrimental nature is contained in the records of either the Municipal Police or the French Police and it may also be noted that members of the Intelligence Office of the United States Marine Corps and of the American Consular Service comment favourably on the character of the individual in question.

*H. J. Harby.*  
D.S.

D.C. (Special Branch).



# RADIO CITY SERVICE

TEL. 37220

1249 BUBBLING WELL ROAD

SHANGHAI, CHINA, 19 April, 1938

Commissioner Shanghai Municipal Police  
Shanghai

My Dear Sir:

In reply to a verbal request through Mr. Broadley concerning my recent request to you for the construction and operation of a radio broadcasting transmitter, I am enclosing herewith a circuit diagram of the transmitter in question. The frequency of operation will be about 550 Mc. and the power input for the present will not exceed 150 watts.

Respectfully & sincerely yours,  
Chas. B. Gist





# RADIO CITY SERVICE

TEL. 37220

1249 BUBBLING WELL ROAD

SHANGHAI, CHINA, 16 March, 1938.

The Commissioner of Shanghai Municipal Police  
Shanghai

My Dear Sir:

I would like authorization  
to open a radio broadcasting station  
at this location. The transmitter  
will be crystal controlled and of  
the latest American design.  
The station will be used strictly  
for commercial purposes, and I  
will endeavor to give the Shanghai  
public high fidelity programs  
which the existing stations are  
not capable of doing with  
their present equipment.

The transmitter will be  
entirely owned by myself, an American  
citizen, and with your consent the  
station will be known as XEPC,  
RADIO CITY,  
Respectfully yours,  
Clyde G. Gist



SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. ....

S.I., Special Branch. *S.I. 11/10/38*

REPORT

Date September 6, 1938.

Subject. Application of A. Kriger et al, for licence to operate a  
Radio Broadcasting Station to be known as "Tha An" (華安).

Made by. D.S.I. Logan

Forwarded by

*C. G. G. G.*

Reference the attached application for a licence to operate a radio broadcasting station, dated 10-8-38, submitted by A. Kriger, Eddie Wong and Ellen Cheng, all of whom are employees of Victor Radio Sales Co., 989, Pubbling Well Road, Mr. A. Kriger was interviewed at Special Branch, Headquarters, on 16-8-38, when he stated that he is a Russian and that his two partners mentioned above are Chinese citizens. In connection with his application he was informed that he should apply to the Japanese controlled Broadcasting Superintendence Office, Haroon Building and that if he could obtain permission to operate a station from that organ, the Municipal Police would consider registering his station. Mr. Kriger in reply stated that he was not in favour of approaching the Japanese but that should he change his mind, he would inform the Special Branch of any step he proposed to take. Up to date nothing further has been heard from Mr. Kriger and it would appear that he has abandoned the project.

*Logan*

D. S. I.

D. C. (Special Branch)

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*D.S.I. Logan*

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Shanghai, August 10th 1938.

Shanghai Municipal Council,

SHANGHAI

SUB. C.

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Dear Sirs,

Re: License for Operating Radio Broadcasting Station

In regard with the above may we have the honour of requesting your kind permission in granting us a License for operating a Commercial and Musical Broadcast.

The particulars of our station are as follows:-

- 1) NAME: "The An Broadcasting Station"  
2) ADDRESS: 67, Wwakes Avenue, 108, Bubbling Well Rd.  
3) ANTENNA WATTES: 100 Watts Power  
4) WAVE LENGTH: 1060 Kilocycles  
5) PURPOSE: Commercial Advertising (No News of any sort)  
6) TIME: From 9 A.M. to 11 P.M.  
7) TECHNICAL PLAN: Attached herewith  
8) OWNERS' NAMES: A. Kriger c/o 67, Wwakes Avenue  
Eddie Wong " " " "  
Ellan Cheng " " " "  
9) OWNERS' BUSINESS: Victor Radio Sales Co.  
ADDRESS: 988, Bubbling Well Road - Tel. 36313, 31301  
10) SIZE OF APPARATUS: Width:- 2 1/2 feet  
Height:- 8 feet  
Depth:- 2 feet  
11) WEIGHT: 425 lbs.  
Call S.G. XG HA

Trusting that you will favour us with the above request and assuring you that at all times we shall conform with all rules and regulations set by you, we beg to remain,

Yours very faithfully,  
WHALAN BROADCASTING STATION

*A. Kriger Eddie Wong Ellan Cheng*  
.....  
A. Kriger, Eddie Wong, Ellan Cheng.

REFERRED TO  
POLICE FORCE

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
File No. S. B. D. 138

No. S. B. D. 138

S.1, Special Branch

## REPORT

Date Dec. 8, 1938.

Subject: Letter from Major Asano re Tien Zeur Radio Broadcasting Station (XQHG) K.C. 1300 - K.C.1300 already reserved by Swiss owned Liang Yue Broadcasting Station (XQCT)

Made by: D.S.I. Logan Forwarded by: [Signature]

With reference to the attached letter, dated 6.12.38 addressed to the Police Department, Shanghai Municipal Council, by Major Kazuo Asano, of the Broadcasting Superintendence Office, which states that permission has been granted to the Tien Zeur Radio Broadcasting Station (XQHG) located at 701 Foochow Road, to broadcast over a carrier frequency wavelength of K.C.1300, it should be noted that K.C.1300 has already been adopted by the Swiss owned (Mr. J.V. Saunier) Liang Yue Broadcasting Station (XQCT) with the consent of the Swiss Consul-General. Mr. Saunier's station was in operation before anything was heard from the Japanese of the Tien Zeur Station.

It will be noted that according to Major Asano's letter, German, Mr. F.W. Wettengel, is the owner of the new station. Information in the possession of the Special Branch, however, is to the effect that the Tien Zeur Station is really the property of one Liu Tsung-san (刘春山), a local comedian who, since the fall of Shanghai to the Japanese Forces, has been employed by the Japanese as a radio comedian. Mr. Wettengel is stated to be a German in poor financial circumstances, who along with several other Germans, occupies Room 2A, Yokohama Specie Bank Building, 24 The Bund. No application has been received by the Shanghai Municipal Police from Wettengel in respect of the Tien Zeur Station. In view of the fact that he is not of a nationality which enjoys extra-territorial rights, it would appear that before his station is permitted to operate, he should be required to furnish the usual guarantee

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received from Chinese operating radio stations undertaking (1) not to obtrude on an established wavelength and (2) not to broadcast any political matter. Information has been received to the effect that the new station commenced to broadcast on December 6, 1938.

The following is a brief outline of information supplied to the Special Branch by Mr. J.V. Saunier, owner of the Liang Yue Station (X.Q.T) K.C.1300, who called at Headquarters at 11.30 a.m. December 8, viz :- On September 21, 1938, Mr. Saunier inserted an advertisement in the Sin Wan Pao to the effect that he had established the Liang Yue Broadcasting Station (X.Q.C.T.) K.C.1300, but did not receive any objection until October 20, 1938, when he received a letter from the Superintendence Office ordering his station to close down. After consultation with his Consul-General, Mr. Saunier sent a reply to the Japanese on October 21, 1938, asserting his right to continue to broadcast over K.C.1300.

Nothing further was heard by Mr. Saunier from the Japanese until November 21, 1938, when at the request of Mr. Ban (Japanese) of the Broadcasting Superintendence Office, he kept an appointment with the latter. The interview did not result in a satisfactory settlement, but Mr. Ban suggested as a solution that Mr. Saunier might adopt any of the following wavelengths, viz :-

K.C. 720  
K.C. 800  
K.C. 840  
K.C. 980

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Mr. Saunier promised to consider the matter but upon making enquiries, learned that K.C.800, K.C.840 and K.C.980 were wavelengths adopted by Chinese stations which had failed to register with the Superintendence Office, while K.C.720 was adopted by the Kien Wah Station (Note This station has since changed to K.C.740 at the request of the Japanese with whom it is registered, but Mr. Saunier, fearing further interference, refused to budge from the original wavelength, i.e. K.C.1300 adopted by him).

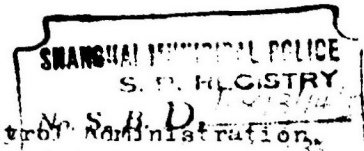
On November 22, 1938, the Swiss Consul-General addressed a letter to the Japanese Authorities to the effect that Mr. Saunier would continue to broadcast over K.C.1300.

In the course of his conversation Mr. Saunier stated that despite the fact that the Tien Zeur Station (Mr. Wettengel) has commenced to broadcast, he will continue to operate the Ling Yue Station even if it involves financial loss due to confusion of wavelengths.

D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

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Radio Broadcast Control Administration.

December 6, 1938.

Police Department,

S. M. C.

Re Granting of Permit to Tien Zeur  
Broadcasting Station

Dear Sirs,

We have the pleasure to apprise you of the fact that, as a result of inspection conducted by us, the undermentioned radio station has been given permission to operate as from to-day.

Name ..... Tien Zeur Radio Broadcasting  
Station(天璽廣播電台)  
Manager ..... P. W. Wettengel, German.  
Address ..... No. 701 Poochow Road.  
Call Signal ..... X. Q. H G.  
Carrier frequency ..... 1,300 K.C.  
Power ..... 100 w.

We remain,

Dear Sirs,

Yours respectfully,

Sgd: Kazuwo Asano.

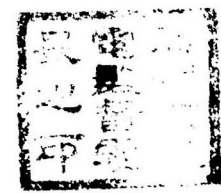


昭和十三年十二月六日

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S. I. REGISTRY

S. I. Special Branch D. S. I.

REPORT

Date November 21, 1938.

Subject. New Broadcasting Station in Tien Chuan Theatre - to  
commence functioning.

Made by D.S.I. MacAdie

Forwarded by

Further to Special Branch Report dated November 5, 1938, on the subject of a new broadcasting station being installed in the Tien Chuan Theatre, 701 Foochow Road, it is now learned that the station will be known as the Tien Chuan (天蟾) Broadcasting Station, Callsign XQHG, K.C. 1300 (this frequency is being already used by the Liang Yeu Station, XQCT, a Swiss owned concern located at 454 Nanking Road (Vide Special Branch report dated 22/10/38)).

An advertisement to the effect that the Tien Chuan Broadcasting Station will commence trial broadcasts on November 25 and official broadcasts on December 1, 1938 was published in the November 20 Issue of the Sin Wen Pao Evening Edition. The advertisement, translation attached, is published above the name of F.W. Wettengel, although it is known that the principal sponsor of the station is Liu Tsung-san (劉春山), a comedian.

No application has been made to the Municipal Police for permission to commence functioning.

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R. W. MacAdie

D. S. I.

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D. A. (Ed Br.)



Extract from Sin Wan Pao Evening Edition of Nov. 20, 1938

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Tien Chuan Broadcasting Station, XQHG, K.C. 1300,  
701 Foochow Road, Tel. 95846

It is hereby announced that construction of  
this station has been completed and <sup>we</sup> will commence  
trial broadcasts on November 25. Official broadcasting  
will begin on December 1, 1938.

F. W. Wettengel,

Tien Chuan Broadcasting Station.

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REPORT

Date November 5, 1938.

Subject New Broadcasting Station reported being installed in Tien Chuan Theatre.

Made by D.S.I. Logan

Forwarded by

At about 5 p.m. November 4, 1938, Mr. Koo Yang-muh (過養), representing the Liang Yue Broadcasting Station, A.Q.C.F., A.C. 1300, at 454 Nanjing Road, which is Swiss owned (Mr. Jeanner), called at Special Branch, Headquarters and supplied information to the effect that a new broadcasting station is being installed in the Tien Chuan Theatre, Foochow Road, which, it is believed, will operate on the same frequency as that of the Liang Yue Station. He stated that he would like to be advised as to whether he would be entitled to continue to broadcast over the frequency of A.C. 1300 if it was true that the Japanese had allocated the same frequency wave length to the new station.

It is to be noted that the Liang Yue Station was established on the written authority of the Swiss Consul-General, therefore the police have little control over it.

A visit to the Tien Chuan Theatre at 5.40 p.m. November 4, discovered that the new station is actually in the course of construction, the antennas having been set up. It is expected that the station will be ready to broadcast within the next few days.

It was learned from a fitter in the employ of the Theatre that the transmitter to be used was a second hand one and that the principal sponsor of the station is Liu Tsung-san (劉春山), a comedian, who, it is stated, has already obtained permission from the Japanese Broadcasting Superintendence Office to operate a station on K.C. 1300. Liu Tsung-san (劉春山) is believed to have been working in the

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Japanese owned Great Shanghai Broadcasting Station, K.O.J.B.,  
Fardoon Building, since the beginning of this year (Vide  
report dated May 13, 1938).

The above information was obtained on November 3,  
1938, by the Special Branch and D.S. Kamashita was detailed  
to ascertain from the Japanese Broadcasting Superintendence  
Office whether the installation of the new station had been  
authorised. On the forenoon of November 5, 1938, Mr. Ban  
(Japanese) of the above office informed D.S. Kamashita  
that the Japanese authorities had authorised a Mr. Wettengel  
(German) to install the station in question, which was  
allocated the frequency wavelength K.C. 1300 (the same as  
that used by Mr. Saunier's station). Mr. Ban also mentioned  
that negotiations are in progress in connection with the  
matter between the Swiss local Consulate-General and the  
Japanese Consulate-General.

It will be recalled that on October 19, 1938, Major  
Asano sent a letter to Mr. S. Uyehara, D.C. (Japanese)  
complaining about the existence of the Swiss Station (flagged).

In view of the fact that the Swiss Station published  
a notice in the September 27th issue of the Sin Wan Pao,  
announcing the opening of the Liang Yue Station, which notice  
was known to the Japanese (vide Major Asano's letter  
mentioned above) it would appear that the granting of  
permission to Mr. Wettengel to broadcast on the same frequency  
wavelength as the Swiss Station, is a deliberate attempt  
to cause confusion and thereby put the Swiss station out of

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business or force it to come to terms with the Japanese  
organ.

*W. J. G.*

D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

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As there is estrangement  
on both sides we can  
do little more than wait.  
H. J. G.

*H. J. G.*

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S.I., Special Branch *Subdvd.*

## REPORT

Date. October 5, 1939.

Subject Ya Kai (亞開) Broadcasting Station, 84 Fokien Road  
(XQHT, K.C.1060) supercedes Commercial Broadcasting  
Station, 405 Tientsin Road.

Made by D.S.I. MacAdie Forwarded by *C. MacAdie*

On October 1, 1939, an advertisement announcing the inauguration of a new broadcasting station called the Ya Kai Broadcasting Station, 84 Fokien Road (Call-sign XQHT and Frequency 1060 K.C.) appeared in the Chinese evening papers.

Enquiries show that the new station has superceded the Commercial Broadcasting Station, 405 Tientsin Road, same call sign and wave length, permission to do so having been obtained by Mr. L.F. Jovino, an Italian and licensee of the former station, from the Broadcasting Superintendents Office, Hardoon Building, Nanking Road. The Chinese manager of the new station is one named Zee Ching (徐慶). Yuen Voong Chu (袁鳳秋), former manager of the old station, has severed connections with the organization. In response to a request from Special Branch, Mr. Jovino sent the attached letter dealing with the reorganization in question.

It is to be noted that the Ya Kai Station was originally the Dah Fang Station, the manager of which named V. Chieri, an Italian subject, applied to the Municipal Police to operate a radio station on frequency 880 K.C. in June, 1939 but was later instructed by the Italian Consulate General to cease his attempts in this matter.

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 (Vide reports dated 20.6.39 and 16.8.39)

*P.W. MacAdie*

D.S.I.

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L. F. Jovino  
503 Dixwell Road  
Tel. 44109

Oct. 2nd, 1939.

The Special Branch,  
Shanghai Municipal Police.

Sirs,

The Commercial Broadcasting Station  
X-RT 1060 Kilocycles.

I respectfully beg to inform you that the  
above Radio Station ceased operating at 405  
Tientsin Road as from 30th September 1939, and  
have started Broadcasting from 84 Fokien Road  
on 1st October 1939. I have also dispensed with  
the services of Yuen Young Chu as Chinese Manager,  
for exceedingly bad conduct and breach of contract  
in the management. The chinese name of the station  
will now be known as 上海電台 with the consent already  
obtained from the Broadcasting Superintendant Office  
Also Mr. Zee Ching 翟慶 has now been appointed my  
sole representative of the Radio Station.  
yours faithfully,

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S.1, Special Branch, *W. H. H. H.*

## REPORT

Date *Nov. 27, 1938.*

Subject (in full) *Italian owned Commercial broadcasting Station (Song In)*  
*XQHT, K.C.1000 changed to K.C.1060 - no information*  
*concerning changed wavelength supplied to Police.*

Made by *D.S.I. Logan*Forwarded by *...*

Information has been received to the effect that the frequency wavelength of the Commercial broadcasting Station (Song In) XQHT, i.e. K.C.1000 was changed to K.C. 1060 on November 16, 1938, at the request of the Japanese Broadcasting Superintendence Office. Trial broadcasts from this station commenced on November 16, 1938 and it is expected that regular broadcasts will begin on December 1, 1938.

No report of the change in frequency wavelength was made to the S.M.P. by the owners of the station or the Japanese Broadcasting Superintendence Office.

D. S. I.

D.S. (Special Branch)

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S.1, Special Branch *Blubb*

## REPORT

Date Nov. 16, 1938

Subject. Commercial Broadcasting Station (Chung Ih) XQHT,  
K.C.1000 - suspends broadcasting.

Made by. D.S.I. Logan Forwarded by *C. Blubb*

The Commercial Broadcasting Station, XQHT, K.C.1000, an Italian owned concern located at Room 9, 2nd floor, 405 Tientsin Road, suspended broadcasting at the end of September, 1938, ostensibly for the purpose of renovating the transmitter. It is reported, however, that the suspension was due, to some extent, to dissension among the shareholders.

It is expected that the station will re-commence broadcasting on November 16, 1938. The Chinese name of the station will be changed from Chung Ih (中義) to Song Ih (商義), while its foreign name and ownership will remain unchanged.

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D. S. I.

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P. A. to D. C. (Sp. Br.)



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S.1, Special Branch *Shanghai*

REPORT

Date July 27, 19 38.

Subject (in full) Commercial Broadcasting Station (Chung Th) (XQHT)

Frequency K.C.1000 - commenced operating on 23/7/38.

Made by D.S.I. Logan Forwarded by C. Chang

Reference Special Branch report on above subject dated July 13, 1938, the attached copy of a letter sent to the Japanese Broadcasting Superintendence Office by Mr. Jovino, proprietor of the above radio station, was forwarded to the Special Branch by Mr. Jovino on July 27, 1938, for information. It will be noted that K.C. 1000 has been adopted as the frequency of the Station. Broadcasting in Chinese commenced on July 23, 1938, while broadcasts in the English language are scheduled to begin on or about August 15, 1938.

*Logan*  
D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

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台電播廣義中商義  
THE COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING STATION  
ROOM No. 9 3RD. FLOOR 405 TIENTSIN ROAD  
TELEPHONE 96424  
SHANGHAI

上海  
天津路  
四〇五  
號  
電話  
九六四  
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Shanghai, July 27th., 1938,

Y. Ban Aspre.,

Chief official of the  
Broadcasting Superintendence office.

Harpoon House.

"Copy"  
for special branch  
S.M. Police.

Sir,

In accordance with our verbal conversations I now have the honour to render to you information regarding my Broadcasting Station which is duly registered at the Royal Italian Consulate.

Manner of organization: Private and the responsible representative being the owner, Leopoldo Felice Jovino, an Italian citizen.

Purpose of Station: Strictly Commercial Advertising, and the Selling and Repairing of Radio sets.

Power & Location of Transmitter: 100 Watts. 405 Tientsin Road.

Call sign & Frequency: "X H T" 1000 K. C.

Names of Announcers: Miss. Nation Chia ( 舒乃斯 ) Chinese.  
Miss. Woo Voong Tai ( 何鳳儀 ) Chinese.

Manager for Chinese business: Mr. F. C. Huang ( 黃樹洲 ) Chinese.

Chinese Broadcasting commenced on last Saturday and I am now organizing Foreign Broadcasting which will probably commence on or about August 15th.

I remain, Sir,  
Yours faithfully,

  
Leopoldo Felice Jovino.

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**REPORT**

Date Jul. 13, 1938

Subject Commercial Broadcasting Station (Class B 中義), Call Sign XGHT

Made by D.S.I. Loran

Forwarded by

*C. Crawford*

Reference Special Branch report on above subject, dated 29th June 1938, Mr. L. F. Jovino called at Special Branch, Headquarters, on the morning of 13th July 1938, and stated that some days ago he had been informed by his Consul to the effect that the Broadcasting Superintendence Office (Japanese) had been in touch with the Italian Consulate General and had suggested that Mr. Jovino's Broadcasting Station might perhaps broadcast Japanese propaganda. The Italian Consulate General referred the Japanese to Mr. Jovino stating that it was a matter which the latter should decide. Mr. Jovino, at the request of the Japanese, called at the Broadcasting Superintendence Office, Garden Building, Tankin Road, at 10 a.m., 13th July 1938, and was informed by Mr. Han (Japanese) that there was no objection to his operating a radio broadcasting station. Mr. Han then asked Mr. Jovino if he would agree to broadcast Japanese propaganda, without however stating what form the propaganda should take, but according to Mr. Jovino he refused to agree to do anything to do with the broadcasting of Japanese or any other propaganda.

Mr. Han then informed his frequency K.C. 1000 which Mr. Jovino had decided to adopt for his station had been reserved by the Japanese for their own use and suggested that he should use a frequency

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of H.C. 1900 and is except at present. Mr. Jovino stated that he did not commit his self either to make the station or to insist in retaining the frequency originally specified. He promised to notify the S.M.P. of whatever frequency he decides to adopt and also the date when he will begin to broadcast.

*Kogan*  
D.S.I.

D.C. (Special Branch)



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Section 1, Special Branch Station,  
REPORT

Date June 29, 1938.

Subject Commercial Broadcasting Station (Chung Ih 中 央) Italian owned, Call  
Sign XQHT, Frequency K.C. 1000 - Established at 405 Tientsin Road.  
Made by D.S.I. Logan Forwarded by *W. H. Logan*

The attached translation is of a notice which appeared in the June 16 issue of the Sin Wan Pao, intimating that the Chung Ih Broadcasting Station (English official name - Commercial Broadcasting Station) which is Italian owned, will commence to operate as from 16/6/38. The call sign and frequency is given as XQHT and K.C. 1000 respectively.

At 11.30 a.m., 18/6/38, Mr. Huang Tze Chu (黃樹洲), compradore of L. F. Jovino & Co., called at Special Branch, Headquarters, and produced a certificate issued by the Acting Consul General for Italy, dated 4/6/38, which states that the Commercial Broadcasting Station, call sign XQHT, K.C. 1000 is owned by Mr. Leopoldo Felice Jovino, an Italian subject residing at 503 Dixwell Road. The station, which is located on the 3rd floor of 405 Tientsin Road, will broadcast commercial advertisements and musical items. It is due to commence broadcasting on 10/7/38. The manager will be Mr. Huang Tze Chu aforesaid and the operator Mr. Cha Nan Shing (邵 南 生).

Reference Special Branch report dated 28/5/38, frequency K.C. 1000 has been adopted by the Dollar Radio Station, a Chinese owned concern which has not yet commenced to operate and which has up to date not applied to the S.M.P. for registration.

Mr. Jovino was interviewed at Special Branch, Headquarters, on 20/6/38, when he stated that he would broadcast news bulletins daily in English which would be supplied to him by the Italian Consulate-General. He mentioned that his Consul had informed him that it might be of advantage to him to

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broadcast in Japanese during certain hours of the day.

When asked if he had informed the Broadcasting Superintendence Office of his intention to establish a station, Mr. Jovino stated that, purely as a matter of courtesy, he would do so. When communicated with some days later and asked what had transpired, he replied that the Broadcasting Superintendence Office authorities had retained his Consular certificate (with his permission) and had informed him that they would take up the matter with his Consulate-General.

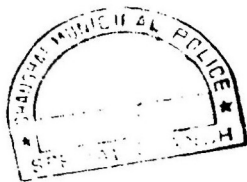
Mr. Jovino was communicated with again on 28/6/38 but had no further information to impart.

Note Mr. L.F. Jovino is a Eurasian, his mother having been Chinese while his father was Italian. He was once convicted on a charge of aiding and abetting in the sale of arms, vide DL26.

*W. Logan*

D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)



Translation of an advertisement appearing  
in the Sin Wan Pao on June 16, 1938.

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Announcement of the Chung Ih Broadcasting  
Station (an Italian concern)

This station has been assigned by the  
Italian Consulate the call sign XQMT and  
frequency 1000 K.C. and will commence to  
operate from to-day, June 16, 1938.

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S.I., Special Branch

REPORT

Date January 16, 1939.

Subject (in full) The American Commercial Broadcasting Station (X.M.H.E.)

- Frequency changed from K.C.780 to K.C.720

Made by D.S.I. Logan

Forwarded by C. Gaudin

With reference to the attached letter dated January 16, 1938, from Mr. P.H. Vanmeter (American), owner of the above Broadcasting Station, it will be noted that the wavelength has been changed from K.C.780 to K.C.720.

K.C.720 was until November, 1938, the wavelength used by the Kien Wah Station (XHKB) but this station changed to K.C.740 at the request of the Japanese Broadcasting Superintendence Office sometime about November 26, 1938, since which time K.C.720 has been vacant.

D.C. (Special Branch)

W. Logan  
D. S. I.

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S. B. REGISTRY	
No. S. B. D.	0813/4/X
Date	16 1 39

THE AMERICAN COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING STATION

131 Hoopoh Road

Shanghai, 16th January, 1939

The Deputy Commissioner of Police (Special Branch)

Shanghai

Dear Sir:

I have decided to use the frequency 720 k. c.

I have now appointed Mr. Janson Hsu as the Chinese Manager (or Comproadore).

I have arranged to use this frequency in order to avoid trouble. I have every reason to believe that everything will be quiet from now on.

I thank you very much for all the assistance you have rendered me in this matter.

Should you require any further information, I will gladly give it to you.

Yours Faithfully,

*P. H. Hammett*  
P. H. Hammett  
Manager

PHV:KRL

*D. S. A. Logan*

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SHANGHAI  
S. B. REGISTRY  
No. S. B. D. 6813  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

THE AMERICAN COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING STATION

131 Hoopoh Road

Shanghai, 22nd December, 1938

The Deputy Commissioner of Police (Special Branch)

Shanghai

Sir,

The American Commercial Broadcasting Station will open for testing purposes today at 10.00 a. m. on a wave length of 780 k. . and a power of 200 watts. If successful, will continue for business.

I have appointed Mr. King Han Hou ( ) as the Chinese Manager of this Station.

Telephone at present is 94230. As soon as I have another phone installed, I will inform you of the new number.

Yours truly,

The American Commercial Broadcasting Station

FHV:EMK

.....*W. H. Connelley*.....  
MANAGER

*2.5.8. 1938*  
*to Mr. Han Hou*  
*22.12.38*

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File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
No. 5 11  
Branch S.I. 11  
Date Dec. 12, 1938

Subject: Mr. P.H. Vanneter (American), owner of the American Commercial Broadcasting Station (XMHV) K.C.780, reports that Japanese threaten to damage his station.

Made by D.S.I. Logan

Forwarded by C. G. Logan

With reference to the dispute existing between Mr. Vanneter on the one hand and the Japanese Broadcasting Superintendence Office and the Yeu Lien (Union) Broadcasting Station (XHHV) which has been assigned the same wavelength as Mr. Vanneter's Station by the Japanese, on the other, Mr. Vanneter visited Headquarters, at 12 noon December 12, 1938, and reported that information had reached him that members of the Japanese Broadcasting Superintendence Office had threatened to damage his station. Mr. Vanneter did not divulge how the information reached him but he affirmed his determination to proceed with his intention to broadcast over a frequency wavelength of K.C.780, and stated that as he had the support of his Consul-General he would, if provoked, consider increasing the power of his station much beyond the 100 watts generally used in Shanghai.

Note It is understood that the Japanese are particularly anxious that no station may exceed 100 watts in power.

Mr. Vanneter's station is located at Room 266, 131 Hoopsh Road. He stated that as soon as he is ready to commence broadcasting, he will inform the Police by letter.

D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

MEMO.

7/12/35

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Sir.

Information:

Thos. Robertson

D. C. Special Branch.

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REPORT

Date December 6, 1938.

Subject Letter from Mr. P.H. Vanmeter, owner of The American  
Commercial Broadcasting Station intimating change  
of frequency

Made by D.S.I. Logan

Forwarded by

C. G. G. G. G.

With reference to the attached letter, dated December 2, 1938, addressed to the D.C. (Special Branch), by Mr. P.H. Vanmeter, owner of the American Commercial Broadcasting Station, which states that the location of the Station has been changed from Lane 97, House 36, Myburgh Road to 131 Hupeh Road and that the frequency wave-length over which the Station will broadcast is to be changed from K.C. 780 to K.C.800.

It will be noted that K.C.800 is the frequency wave-length over which the Sun Sun Radio Station broadcasts. The Sun Sun Radio Station operates on Ministry of Communications private radio station permit No.26 dated October 31st, 24th Year of the Republic of China (1935) and is one of the few stations remaining which had not registered with the Japanese Broadcasting Superintendence Office.

Mr. Vanmeter was interviewed at the Special Branch at 2 p.m., December 5, 1938, when he stated that he had been asked by a Japanese representative of the Broadcasting Superintendence Office to change the frequency wave-length of his station from K.C.780 to K.C.800 and at the same time assured that provided he changed the frequency wavelength as desired there would be no further interference by the Japanese. Mr. Vanmeter mentioned also that the Japanese who interviewed him, hinted that should the Broadcasting Superintendence Office make a complaint to the S.M.P. in regard to his station the S.M.P. would have no other course but to close it down.



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Upon it being made known to Mr. Vanmeter that the Sun Sun Radio Station is operating on a frequency wavelength of K.C.800 on the authority of a permit issued by the Ministry of Communications of the Nationalist Government of China, he immediately stated that he would abandon his intention to use K.C.800 and would revert to K.C.780 which was originally chosen by him.

Despite the fact that Mr. Vanmeter emphatically denied that any Chinese are financially interested in the Station, information from other sources is to the effect that one Hsu Chin-sien (許 勤 先) until recently Manager of the Sun Sun Radio Station and concurrently owner/manager of the Hwa Shing Broadcasting Station (XHMP, K.C.19 Tsingtao Road) is associated with Mr. Vanmeter in establishing the new station. This man left the Sun Sun Radio Station in consequence of a dispute which arose over the commission paid to him and may well be harbouring a grudge against the Sun Sun Radio Station Management. It is known that he registered the Hwa Shing Station with the Japanese Superintendence Office.

The studio of the new American Commercial Broadcasting Station will be located in Room 266 of the Yuan Tung Hotel, 131 Hupeh Road. Installation is in progress at present and it is expected that the station will be ready to operate by December 10th, 1938. Mr. Vanmeter stated that before commencing to operate he will notify the Special Branch in writing.

D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch).

THE AMERICAN COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING STATION  
131 Hupeh Road

Shanghai, December 2nd, 1938

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The Deputy Commissioner of Police (Special Branch)  
Shanghai

Dear Sir:

I have established the American Commercial Broadcasting Station at No. 131 Hupeh Road instead of House 36, Lane 97, Myburgh Road, as I found this place more suitable.

This station will operate on the frequency 800 k. c. The reason I am using this frequency is because the Japanese Broadcasting Superintendence Office advised me to do so as there is no other station registered on that frequency. There is, however, one station operating on this frequency with an old permit from the Chinese Government, but this permit call for a frequency of 780 k. c. only.

This station is registered at the U. S. Consulate and also with the Broadcasting Superintendence Office. The Japanese have promised to cause no trouble should I operate on the frequency 800 k. c.

Should you desire any further information, I will be glad to give it to you at any time.

Yours faithfully,

*P. H. Vanneter*  
P. H. Vanneter  
Proprietor

PHV:HHK

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. ....

S.1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date Nov. 14, 1938.

Subject. The American Commercial Broadcasting Station (XMBE)

K.C.780, House 36, Lane 97, Myburgh Road.

Made by D.S.I. Logan

Forwarded by

C. Crawford

Reference the attached letter dated November 11, 1938, addressed to the D.C. (Special Branch) by Mr. F.H. Vanmeter, 31(1) Route Kaufmann (Apt. 3), intimating that he has established a commercial broadcasting station to be known as "The American Commercial Broadcasting Station" (XMBE) K.C.780, at House 36, Lane 97 Myburgh Road.

Mr. Vanmeter was interviewed at the Special Branch at the beginning of November, 1938, when he called to state that he was contemplating establishing a broadcasting station. On the occasion mentioned he emphasized that he would strictly confine the use of the station to commercial broadcasting only. Mr. F.R. Engdahl, Consul, U.S. Consulate-General, when interviewed on November 13, stated that Mr. Vanmeter is registered in the Consulate-General as an American citizen and that the broadcasting station mentioned above has been duly registered as being owned by Mr. Vanmeter.

It is respectfully suggested that in order to obviate any possibility of confusion, the Japanese Broadcasting Superintendence Office, Hardoon Building, Nanking Road, should be informed that The American Commercial Broadcasting Station is American owned.

D.C. (Special Branch)

D. S. I.

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This has been done through Mr. Myburgh

D.S.I.

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No. S. D. 684  
Date

THE AMERICAN COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING STATION  
House 36, Lane 97, Myburgh Road  
Shanghai, November 11th, 1938  
LL 74317

Deputy Commissioner of Police  
Shanghai

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform you that I have established a Broadcasting Station at the above address and will operate on or before December 15th, 1938. (But in the meantime should I be able to secure more suitable premises, I will move the Station to same, but will inform you of such change.)

The power of this station is 100 watts, and I will broadcast on a wave length of 780. Call Signal is X M H E.

This station will be used for commercial purposes only, and will not accept any news items of any description whatsoever.

This station will be known as the American Commercial Broadcasting Station, and is registered at the American Consulate at Shanghai as such. The Consul has not given me a certificate stating that the station is registered as it was deemed unnecessary, but promised to confirm same to you, should you desire (Mr. Engdol has charge of the registration).

Should you desire any further information on this station, I will be glad to furnish it to you at any time.

I am the proprietor of the Station.

Yours faithfully,

*P. H. Vanmeter*

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P. H. Vanmeter

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S.I., Special Branch *Slidich*

REPORT

Date July 29, 1939.

Subject Russian Broadcasting Station (X.R.B.S.) 1074/8

Bubbling Well Road - Bosustow, British.

Made *by* *and* Forwarded by D.I. Crawford

Information was obtained that the Russian Broadcasting Station, call sign X.R.B.S. at 1074/8 Bubbling Well Road had removed and subsequent enquiries confirmed the information. The station stopped broadcasting somewhere about July 5, 1939 and all the equipment has been removed from the above address.

Mr. Bosustow was interviewed on July 28, 1939 and stated that he was no longer connected with the Russian Broadcasting Station and a letter to this effect had been sent to the H.B.M. Consulate-General. Mr. Bosustow was asked to write a letter to the Shanghai Municipal Police for record purposes that he was no longer connected with the station.

The equipment of the station which is the property of one Yakovloff, Russian, has been stored in his own radio school business at 273 Avenue 11ig, French Concession and the French Police have been notified of this removal.

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*C Crawford*  
D. I.

D.I. (Special Branch)

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Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE.  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai.

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To.

Mr. Robertson.

Referring to my memo  
20.7.29. concerning Mr.  
Bruckner's radio station which  
is reported to have changed  
hand, I shall be obliged  
if you will be good enough  
to let me know any infor-  
mation.

J. C. C.

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July 20, 1939.

Mr. Robertson, D.C.

Re the undermentioned Station, Major Asano wrote a letter to which we replied that the Station in question was registered at the British Consulate. Major Asano accordingly made an enquiry through the Japanese Consulate regarding the nationality of the Station. He informed me that the British Consulate had stated that "Mr. Brustow has disposed of his interest in this Station which is accordingly now no longer British"

Have you any information about it?

Russian Broadcasting Station.

Call Sign: X R B S

Frequency: 680 K.C.

Proprietor: J.C. Brustow.

Address: No.8 Lane 1074, Bubbling Well Road.

*August 1939*

Deputy Commissioner (F.B.II)

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S. I. B. R. G. S. I. R. Y.  
No. S. A. D.

S. I., Special Branch *Established*

REPORT

Date *May 4* 1939.

Subject. *The Russian Broadcasting Station (owned by Mr. J.C. Bosustow, British) X.R.B.S., 1074 Bubbling Well Road, Suite 2, formally opened.*

Made by D.S.I. Logan

Forwarded by

*C. Crawford*

The Russian Broadcasting Station which is owned by Mr. J.C. Bosustow (British), 346 Szechuen Road, Rooms 401-3, and which had been conducting experimental broadcasts for some time, was formally declared open at a ceremony held at the Station on April 30, 1939. The purpose of the station is commercial advertising and musical entertainment. Details concerning the station are as follows :-

Name: The Russian Broadcasting Station of Shanghai.  
Address: 1074 Bubbling Well Road, Suite 2.  
Tel. No. 31559  
Call letters: X.R.B.S.  
Wave length: 441.2 metres  
Frequency: 680 k.c.

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P.A. to D.C. Sp. Br.

D.C. (Special Branch)

*Logan*  
D. S. I.

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S.1, Special Branch *Subdiv*  
**REPORT**

Date *April 28*, 19 *39*.

Subject (in full) *The Russian Broadcasting Station (owned by Mr. Bosustow, British), X.R.B.S., K.C.680, 1074 Bubbling Well Road, Suite 8.*

Made by *D.S.I. Logan*

Forwarded by *C. Crawford, D.I.*

Information having been received to the effect that the above station had commenced making experimental broadcasts, Mr. Bosustow was communicated with on April 26, 1939 and requested to address an official letter to the Police giving full details concerning the station for the purposes of record. The attached letter from Mr. Bosustow, dated 27.4.39 was in consequence received at the Special Branch on April 28, 1939 giving the following particulars, viz :

Name: The Russian Broadcasting Station  
of Shanghai.  
Address: 1074 Bubbling Well Road, Suite 8.  
Tel.No. 31559  
Call letters: X.R.B.S.  
Wave length : 441.2 metres  
Frequency : 680 k.c.

The date of formal opening will be communicated to the Police in due course.

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P.A. to D.C. Sp. Br.

D.C. (Special Branch)

*Logan*  
D. S. I.

*J. C. Boruslow*

*346 Poochow Road*

*Room No. 4013*

*Tels. 17006 & 17007*

*Shanghai, 27th April 1939*

Sub-Inspector W. Logan  
Shanghai Municipal Police  
185 Foochow Road  
Shanghai.

Dear Mr. Logan,

In reply to your telephone inquiry of yesterday I beg to give you the following details concerning the Radio Broadcasting Station of which I am the proprietor.

Name: The Russian Broadcasting Station of Shanghai

Address: 1074 Bubbling Well Road, Suite 8

Tel. No: 31559

Call letters: X.R.B.S.

Wave length: 441.2 metres

Frequency: 680 k.c.

Operating experimentally between the hours of 12 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 11 p.m.

I shall let you know the date and hour of the formal opening.

Yours sincerely,

*J. C. Boruslow*

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.I, Special

REPORT

Serial No. 11111  
Date Nov. 28, 1938.

Subject Application by Mr. J.C. Bosustow (British) for permission to establish a Radio Broadcasting Station.

Made by D.S.I. Logan

Forwarded by

C. G. G. G.

With reference to the attached letter dated 25.11.38 addressed to the Commissioner of Police by Mr. J.C. Bosustow (British), Rooms 401-403, 346 Szechuen Road, requesting permission to operate a Radio Broadcasting Station in the International Settlement, Mr. Bosustow was interviewed at 10.30 a.m. November 28, 1938, by D.S.I. Logan. It was pointed out to Mr. Bosustow that the S.M.P. would neither issue permission for the operating of the proposed station nor would any steps be taken to prevent same. Mr. Bosustow claimed that he would be solely responsible for the station but admitted that he was subscribing only a third of the capital to be invested in the station, i.e. \$1000.00 and that the remaining two thirds would be subscribed by two Russians, namely Mr. C. Djaiane of W.E. Levy & Co., 113 Kiukiang Road, and Mr. V. Yakovleff, a local radio mechanic. The total capital will be \$3,000.00. According to Mr. Bosustow, the programme will be broadcast in the Russian language and will be on a purely commercial basis, politics being strictly excluded.

It was pointed out to Mr. Bosustow that the frequency wavelength proposed by him i.e. K.C.675 is unsuitable, whereupon he stated that he would broadcast over a frequency wavelength of K.C.680.

Mr. Bosustow stated that as a matter of courtesy, he intended to inform the Japanese Broadcasting Superintendence Office of his intention to operate a radio station over K.C.680.

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Full particulars concerning call sign, name of the station and location, will be supplied to the Police as soon as same is decided.

Mr. Creighton of R.B.L. Consulate-General was informed of Mr. Sosustow's intention to operate a radio station but made no comment.

*W. Leggett*

D. S. 1.

D.S. (Special Branch)

X H B C  
J. C. Bosustow  
346 Szechuen Road  
Rooms Nos. 401-3  
Tele. 17000 & 17007

Shanghai

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL  
S. E. REGISTRY  
25th Nov. 1938  
No. S. B. D. 8812  
Date 21 38

The Commissioner  
Shanghai Municipal Police  
135 Foochow Road

Sir,

I have the honour to request that I may be permitted to establish and operate a Radio Broadcasting Station in the International Settlement.

The wave length of the proposed station will be <sup>480</sup>~~675~~ kc. or 444.44 m. with a power of 100 watts. The exact location of the station has not yet been decided on, being dependent on whether permission is granted or not.

The program, which is to be broadcast in the Russian language, will be musical and educational; Politics will be strictly excluded, my aim being purely commercial.

If there are any further particulars you may require, I shall be pleased to submit them on hearing from you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours obediently,

*J. C. Bosustow*  
J. C. Bosustow - Proprietor

*V. Yacolev*  
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DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  
S. B. REGISTRY  
No. 111 6512/14  
Date 10/1/39

Confidential

MEMO.

10-6-39

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Information and  
favour of return.  
A visit to this  
Station by a gang  
of roudies is quite  
possible.

John Robertson

D.C. Special Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.I., Special

REPORT

Date June 16, 1939.

Subject... Letter from Radio Broadcasting Control Office requesting  
the closure of the Tung Fang Radio Station : XHHG,  
K.C.1220 (British).

Made by. D.S.I. Logan.

Forwarded by

The attached letter was received by D.C.  
(Japanese) from Major K. Asano, Chief of the Radio  
Broadcasting Control Office on June 10, 1939, and  
passed, together with translation, to D.C. (Special  
Branch). Major Asano complains that the Tung Fang  
Radio Station (XHHG), K.C.1220, located in the Grand  
Hotel, 120 Yu Ya Ching Road, has failed to register  
with the Japanese Radio Broadcasting Control Office,  
despite orders issued by the latter on March 31st and  
April 20th, 1939, and requests the immediate closure  
of the Tung Fang Station.

It should be mentioned that the ownership of  
the Tung Fang Station was transferred from the original  
Chinese owners to Charles Madar & Co., (British), 259  
Kiangse Road, on December 2, 1938, particulars of the  
deed of sale being registered with the British  
Consulate-General.

On January 19, 1939, the Mei Sung Radio  
Station (XQMS), K.C.1220, 423 Nanking Road, which is  
registered with the Japanese Authorities in the name  
of Y. Ikeda (Japanese), 453 Dixwell Road, was  
established and commenced broadcasting on the same  
wavelength as that used by the Tung Fang Station.

In view of the fact that the Tung Fang Station  
is British owned, the Police are powerless to interfere.

D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

Copy sent  
to Mr. Logan  
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S.1, Special Branch. ~~XXXX~~

REPORT

Date June 12, 1939.

Subject Letter from Radio Broadcasting Control Office requesting  
the closure of the Tung Fang Radio Station : XHHG,  
K.C.1220 (British)

Made by D.S.I. Logan

Forwarded by .....

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It should be mentioned that the ownership of the Tung Fang Station was transferred from the original Chinese owners to Charles Madar & Co., (British), 259 Niongse Road, on December 2, 1938, particulars of the deed of sale being registered with the British Consulate-General.

On January 19, 1939, the Mei Sung Radio Station (XQMS), K.C.1220, 423 Hanking Road, which is registered with the Japanese Authorities in the name of Y. Ikeda (Japanese), 453 Dixwell Road, was established and commenced broadcasting on the same wavelength as that used by the Tung Fang Station. According to a representative of the Tung Fang Station, it did not suspend operations as alleged by Major Asano, but continued to broadcast gramophone record music. The broadcasts were, however, unsuccessful due to the fact that the Mei

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.....Station,

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Subject. ....

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Sung Station kept up the broadcast of a whistling sound in an effort to interfere with the Tung Fang Station's broadcast. The Tung Fang Station has no intention to register with the Japanese and is prepared to continue broadcasting despite the financial loss incurred in consequence of the interference of the Lei Sung Station.

In view of the fact that the Tung Fang Station is British owned, the Police are powerless to interfere.

*[Handwritten signature]*

D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch).

Memorandum.POLICE FORCE,  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE	
No. S. B. D. 1813/4	193
Date	

Shanghai, ..... 193.....  
 To Mr. R. H. ...

Major Evans called on me yesterday with the attached letter & request special consideration be entertained regarding the matter requested herein. Necessary explanations were made to him, but it seems to me the Japanese authorities are prepared to take a strong attitude towards U. T. I. I am sure should the station continue to operate.

*W. J. ...*

MEMO. 11/1

*W. J. ...*  
 16

June 7, 1939.

Shanghai Municipal Police Force

Sir,

Request for Issue of Order for Closing of  
Tung Fong Radio Broadcasting Station.

I have to express my thanks for your valuable assistance rendered in controlling the radio broadcasting stations in the International Settlement since this office had taken over the rights of controlling radio waves in March 1938, owing to the necessity of military operations of the Japanese Army. As a result, considerable facilities have been obtained in the course of our functioning and the work is now gradually arriving at the final stage of achieving its aim.

The Tung Fong Radio Broadcasting station (calling frequency 1220 KC) at the Grand Hotel, 120 Yu Va Ching Road, failed to register with this office ignoring the orders issued on March 31 and April 2, 1939. Later, it stopped broadcasting temporarily, but at the beginning of June this year it recommenced broadcasting without permission from this office and has been operating up to the present.

With a view to giving them another and the last chance for reconsidering themselves, they were dealt with leniently and ordered to attend this office so as to caution them, but failed to do so.

In the light of these circumstances, the above-mentioned station could not but be regarded as having abandoned the rights of operating as an authorised radio broadcasting station. The name of this station had therefore been struck off from the registration book and permission was accordingly given to operate under frequency 1220 KC to the Tung Fong



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Radio Broadcasting Station ( ~~the~~ <sup>taking</sup> ), which  
had applied for registration ~~through~~ proper  
procedure. The Lei Sung Radio Broadcasting Station  
commenced broadcasting as from January 18, 1959.

The Tung Lung Radio Broadcasting Station still  
continue to operate and has been intentionally  
attempting to interfere with the business of the  
Lei Sung Radio Broadcasting Station, an act which  
is regarded to be most improper.

Since the establishment of this office a year or  
so ago, 73 radio broadcasting stations (8 ) have  
been registered. At this time when there is a  
movement of the whole control of radio waves is being  
effected in the near future, the existence of such an  
anti-Japanese and unauthorized radio broadcasting  
station, which is interfering with the business of  
another lawful station by exercising illegal acts,  
is not justified from the point of view of the control  
of radio waves and the maintenance of public peace  
and order in the settlement.

We should be much obliged if you would cause  
steps to be taken for the immediate closing of the  
Tung Lung Radio Broadcasting Station.

Signed: L. Asano.

Chief of the Radio Broadcasting  
Control Office.

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S.1, Special Branch. ~~XXXXX~~

REPORT

Date. June 12, 1939.

Subject. Letter from Radio Broadcasting Control Office requesting  
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Made by. D.S.I. Logan

Forwarded by. *E. C. ...*

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*D. S. I.*

D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch).

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Memorandum.POLICE FORCE.  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
S. M. C. OFFICE
No. S. B. D. 1-813/4/82
Date 10/6/32

Shanghai, 1932  
To Mr. Nathan Green

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Surgeon General

MEMO. 11/1/32

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11/6

June 7, 1939. # 6815

Shanghai Municipal Police Force

Sir,

Request for Issue of Order for Closing of  
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Chief of the Radio Broadcasting  
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